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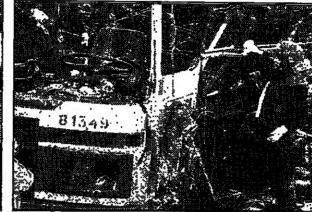


Peace: Rabin and Arafat shake

Fuesday March 5 1996



**Death:** The funeral of Yitzhak Rabin



**Destruction:** Bus bomb kills 26

# Peace blown to shreds

## Latest outrage leaves 12 dead, 100 wounded

ts forces a free hand to broadcast live from the scene.

Ight terrorism after the in graphic detail, the camfight terrorism after the days left the peace pro-

cess in bloody tatters.

After a suicide bomber brought mass murder to Tel Aviv, an emergency session of the Israeli cabinet authorised special anti-terror troops to enter the Palestinian self-

rule territories.
'The decision says we can operate in any area, any place ..." the religious affairs min-ister. Shimon Shetreet, said.

There is now a special op-erational command for the war against terrorism," the trade and industry minister, Micha Harish, said. 'It will have a free hand."

The latest suicide bomb outside the Dizengoff shopping centre in the heart of Tel Aviv yesterday killed an estimated 12 civilians. About 100 perns. were wounded second crisics On Sunday, in the wake o

the Jerusalem bus bombing which claimed 19 lives, the prime minister, Shimon Peres, had declared all-out war on the militants of

Yesterday at 3.56pm — the moment 'the public clock stopped — a man loitering outside the city's giant shopping centre detonated a powerful boath in an instant, the street resembled a battlefield. Crumpled corpses were scattered around the function of Dizengoff and Ying George cets, among the busiest of thoroughfares in israel's busiest city. Debris from shattered shop fronts rained on to mangled cars, as dazed and terrified shoppers ran helter

terrified shoppers ran helterskelter from the scene. Within minutes the junc

Arabs to shut down terrorist groups. The British Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, said he condemned "this sick act of violence and those who planned and executed it".

Before last night's Israeli cabinet meeting, three ministers met to urge a drastic res-ponse to the crisis. The for-eign minister, Ehud Barak, the deputy prime minister, Yossi Bellin, and the interior

tion was crammed with police and wailing ambulances. And before any semblance of order was restored. Israel's televiminister, Haim Ramon drew up a three-point action plan. First, they urged Mr Peres to form a government of national unity with the rightsion channels were on hand to wing opposition. Second, they want him to hand over the de fence portfolio to Mr Barak, and all horribly charred. army chief of staff. And third. they want Israeli troops to move back into Gaza, which There were heartwrenching cenes of weeping children, some in the fancy dress which Israeli kids love to wear on the eve of the Purim festival. rule Palestinian Authority in the summer of 1994.

The proposals are a measure of the government's plight, which many observers believe to be terminal, as the Purim, which marks the Bib-lical liberation of Jews from persecution, is normally the happiest and most carefree of holidays. Yesterday in Tel Aviv it became a nightmare. Israeli radio reported that several children were among May 29 election nears. Since the first of the latest spate of Hamas bombings — a suicide blast which killed 27 on a the dead and wounded. crowded commuter bus in Je-The Dizengoff blast raised rusalem on February 25 - Mr the death toll in the past eight days to more than 60, includ-Peres and the government have promised draconian ing the suicide bombers. With measures. They have closed the borders with the Palestinevidence mounting that the military wing of Hamas is out ian territories, destroyed the of control, almost certainly gragmented into small, ruthhomes of two bombers, im-posed curfews, and arrested

nt is facing the disintegra-yof the peace process on The Palestinian president Yasser Arafat, has ordered his security forces to seek out and detain known Hamas and its future is staked. yesterday suspended Resemblions with Syria as the US Sovernment called for a united effort by Israel and other Islamist activists. Some 350 men have been picked up. least two of the suicide bomb-ers came from Hebron, still On other pages under Israeli control. Yester-day's killer was said in a Hamas claim of responsibility telephoned to Israel Radio's Arabic service, to be Salah Abdel-Rahim Ishaq, aged 24, from the Palestinian-conbrave man: he paid with

man; both his life and his trolled town of Ramallah. Israelis last night gathered shouting abuse at the government from behind a bonfire. Barlier, when Mr Peres vis-ited the scene of the blast, a crowd hurled insults. "Peres you are next," they yelled, in reference to assassinate redecessor, Yitzhak Rabin. Bombing reports, page 6 .



An Israeli medic evacuates a panic-stricken woman injured when a suicide bomber blev himself up outside a busy shopping centre in Tel Aviv, killing at least 12 people

#### Teachers back plans to give police stop and search powers in schools

Enter the Dragon it takes 45 seconds for a Triad gang to snatch a Mercedes off the Hong Kong quayside and into a powerboat bound for China. Patrick Donovan rides

with the police who try

to trap the gangsters.

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POLICE powers of stop and search would be extended into school corridors and lassrooms under proposals expected to be amounced by the Government tomorrow in response to the murder of Philip Lawrence, the London

his life for his effort. Shi monderes is a brave

onstrate that he too is a

brave man — or to give

stake. Now is the tir for Yasser Arafat to dem-

braver than him.

Amos Oz, page 9;

For the first time officers would be allowed to enter school property without invitation to search pupils.

recommend this change in the law to overcome the reluc-tance of heads to call the police inside the school perimeter. They also want legislation to make it a criminal offence to carry a knife on school premises.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, was last night standing ready to support these measures. She hopes they will emerge by consensus from tomorrow's final meeting of the working party, set up in December after Mr Lawrence A working party involving all the teacher unions is was fatally stabbed outside a

west London. Under existing law, the police powers of stop and search are limited to public places and do not extend in-'sin bin" units in schools for

side the school gate. Teachers and local authorities have been reluctant to redefine school property as a public place for fear of giving rights of access to undesirables. Other recommendations are expected to include im-proved co-ordination between

minister, promised Govern-ment funding for 62 projects with misbehaviour. The sin bin units will allow police and headteachers and headteachers to remove per-petual troublemakers from financial support for schools with insecure perimeters.

understood to be preparing to | school in Maida Vale, north- | gave a guarded welcome to | the Government's announce-ment of an £18 million experithorities will be able to call in eams to advise on how teachmental programme for tackers can improve their skills in handling misbehaviour. ling disruption in the classroom with flying squads of expert disciplinarians and

pupils at risk of expulsion.

Robin Squire, the education

in 43 education authorities to develop better ways of dealing

We apologise to all readers of the Guardian International who recieved an edition which included two copies of the leader page 14 but ex-cluded the letters page on classes without excluding | Saturday March 2.

Apology



#### Commentary Martin Woollacott

HE time has come again, as it did with Yitzhak Rabin's death, for a reckon-ing in Israel. But it is a people are crying out for action, for change, for revenge, for a solution. The kind of solution they crave, however, does not exist.

They want to see Hamas forces or by Arafat. They want Arafat to "deliver" with arrests, patrols, battles in the streets. And matic proportions in the minds of Arabs. They want tears to match their own. They ask where are the peace rallies in the West Bank, where the peace rib-hons? Why this glum silence, neither approba-tion nor repudiation? Could this be the moment

when because what is called "peace" is so desper-ately unsatisfactory, there will be a return to what is tory in the elections in May, with the Likud leader, ing the Palestinians, as he has promised, "Forget about a state"? Israeli military incursions into the supposedly autonomous A wall of wire guns between Israelis and at which deaths pass the Palestinians? The fall of point where they can be Arafat, or his becoming a complete Israeli puppet? The transformation of Hamas from a minority movement into the main resistance to the Israelis? These are disastrous possibilities, and most Israelis, in their hearts, know it. Only a month ago, polls showed 59 per cent in favour of the Oslo accords.

lonely people, preoccupied with themselves. They ask too much of the world they helped create. Arafat has not been brave enough to tackle Hamas head-on — but it is because he is a wily procrastinator that he has urvived and Israel bas The efficient PLO military chiefs who could have taken the right decisions an illustration of the truism that what you need in

Hamas which make it so difficult to get the bombers vanted to extirpate it. Not cally, though, and what nied by continuing military is speculation, but it may well have contributed to the disunity in the Hama terrible campaign. In July last year when an

other Hamas suicide bomber struck in Tel Aviv. Rabin told Israelis that the tragedy was one "requiring greater adherence to the and will continue: the res lution of the conflict beians". But there is a tariff counted up as the "price for peace". The mood of Israelis, so purged and elevated by Rabin's assassination, has shifted again. There must be action. The chances are that it will be less than wholly effective. There must also be reflec-tion before the election, for the danger is that, in finding one kind of price too Have the bombs changed that or only overlaid it?

Israelis are an emotional people. They are also a still.

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#### Sketch

## Double act slips into old routine



Simon Hoggart

OOD to see Gordon Brown back on the front bench again. Last week he was skulking in the far cor ner, hidden by the Speaker's Chair, while the "auld enemy (a reference, for this Scot at least, not to England but to Robin Cook) was making the best parliamentary speech of

the past few years. Mr Brown does not care for Mr Cook (He makes sure that if Mr Cook is takkin' the high road, he tak's the low road, even if they're only going to the Tea Room).

However, he gets on well enough with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor. For this reason their speeches at the dispatch box are less Ciceronian declamations than bar-room chats between two increasingly grumpy old men. These double acts remind me of those great old Dud and Pete

routines. "That dictionary in the library, Pete, if you pick it up, it falls open at 'mammaries'. 'Yes, Dud, it does. That

would be busty substances.' Except that it's not the dictionary they consult, or even the part about thin clinging dresses in A Town Like Alice, but a seemingly limit-less range of economic reference books in which they both can discover any statistic they want to find. The rude bits are always about the Government's economic perfor-mance. The two of them can mutter on for hours about that

What makes the act funny apart from the way that Mr Clarke is the only minister who emphasises a point by hitching up his trousers — is the way they allow their obses-sion with the pointless and irrelevant to take them to heights of obsessiveness. Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones do

So do the two hit men in

First night

Andrew Clements

HE HIGHEST praise for

Luc Bondy's outstanding Don Carlos, which ar-

rives at Covent Garden in June, is that it should prove to

Royal Opera's famous Visconti staging, which did ster-ling service for more than 30

be a worthy successor to the

years. The new production is shared between the Châtelet,

Nice and Lyons, and no doubt

there is no feeling of opulence for its own sake. The grandeur

and generosity of the concep-tion are to be found in the ali-

meticulous preparation - as

action has a dramatic cogency and perceptive intelligence in

every detail.

Don Carlos was composed

by Verdi for Paris in 1867 to

able works with their huge casts and lavish set pieces.

The premiere was not a suc-

were visited upon revivals.

The Chatelet production

scheme but excises some num

bers and reinstates others, in-

cluding lost passages discovered by Andrew Porter in 1970.

The result is a long evening,

five hours in the theatre, but

uses the original five-act

cess, and cuts and reworkings

match the scale and spectacle of Meyerbeer's then fashion-

always with Bondy the

ssing detail and the

Covent Garden, Brussels,

has a budget to match, but

on a grand scale

names for McDonald's hamburgers while on their way to kill a roomful of people. (Have you noticed that the ountry is now packed with

Pulp Fiction bores, or Taran-tino Anoraks as I suppose we must call them? It's not a bad film, but it shouldn't take over your life. But phone ins are full of it. "What I mean is, Bob what do you reckon was in opens it, you know, in the diner? I mean, I reckon it was like drugs, or sumnink . . . " I blame Gerald Kaufman, who

made the film respectable.) Sorry. Yesterday's curmud-geonly, but basically amiable chunter, was about Britain's League. This is an eco-nomic table which bears as much relationship to reality as a Fantasy Subbuteo League

would to the Premiership.
Labour grumbles that, since
the Conservatives came to
power, Britain has dropped
from 13th to 18th in this ludi crous list. (For example, Hong Kong has overtaken us. but with a nice flat costing £50,000 a year there, nobody could claim that the real standard of

living was higher.)
Mr Clarke alleged that we
had actually fallen only from 13th to 16th, but that Labour had inserted two other countries as random, to make it look worse. And anyway, this was only because Labour had run the country so badly

up till 1979. Mr Brown insisted that we had fallen to 18th. (It seems Norway and Iceland have overtaken us, though back in 1981 I was told in Reykjavík that they were the richest country in Europe, which shows how silly the whole

thing is.) Mr Clarke rose to say we had fallen from 13th to 15th in the 1970s, and we were still 15th. Mr Brown got back up and said we were 18th, and no one could deny the central fact, that we had slipped down under the Tories. Mr Clarke

then denied it. This could have gone on for ages, and did. But Mr Brown wasn't finished. He had lots more hilarious statistics. Ten and a half million was one. So was 8.7 million. Thirty per cent came into it somewhere. As with all the great humour ists, it's not so much the jokes themselves as the way he builds the comic tension.

Bondy holds together the

There is not a careless mo-

ment or an unconsidered ges

ture. Gilles Aillaud's cooly el

stage pictures as beautifully

rendered as they are theatri cally precise. The biggest of

the set pieces — the auto-da-fe in the third act — is superbly, economically managed, with-

out a hint of a hammy proces-sional. Yet the clash of private

and public, and the sheer hor-

ror, are all terrifyingly real and carefully nuanced.

eant sets consistently create



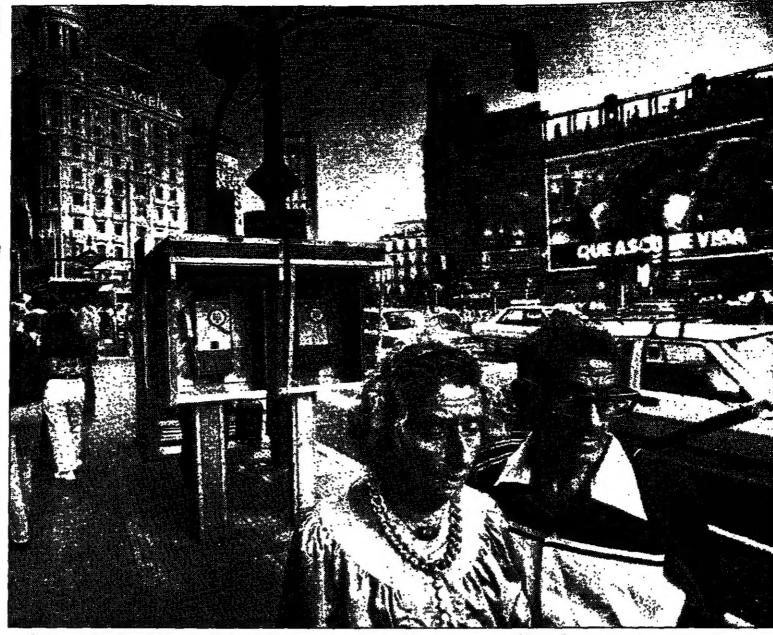
Numbers of young decline

□ Elderly up by 50pc

☐ More seek life in sun

□ Rising cost of welfare

Stephen Bates on the ageing EU population



An elderly couple enjoy a night out in Madrid, but changes in demography will put pressure on welfare and ecos

# Europe faces a grey future

HE European Commission yesterday unveiled a striking picture of what Europe will be like in 30 years, with an ageing population and migration outhwards towards the sun. The report projects an extra 37 million in the number of people aged over 60 — an increase of nearly 50 per cent. There will be 113.5 million pensioners in the European

Union, nearly a third of the

population.
Those of working age, be-tween 20 and 59, will shrink by 13 million and there will be nearly 10 million fewer children and teenagers, repre-senting an 11 per cent decline in the numbers under the age

The survey makes clear that some countries will suf-fer enormous demographic Nuance and detail fer enormous demographic and social pressures as a result of the changing balance

of their populations. Ireland will see a 67 per population and a 25 per cent drop among the young, while Germany will have to cope with a 51 per cent rise in its over-60s, with a 13.5 per cent drop in its working age population and a 12 per cent de-cline in the number of its

young people.
The United Kingdom will have a 43.6 per cent increase in the population aged over 60

cent drop in the under-20s. Statisticians have known for some time that the population is ageing, but the latest figures show more starkly how great the shift in the bal ance of the population will be by 2025 — and what the conse-

The 32-page report by the European Commission's statistical office warns: "The

those producing the resources needed by the economy are steadily decreasing in numbers and when the future gen-erations (who will have to be highly educated and trained if

make to the young finance pensions? There can be no doubt that the principle of solidarity be-

tween generations will emerge as a key factor in the adjustments which will have But the report warns that changing social patterns, in- cept of the family model ...

Generation gap Relative percentage change in these three age groups between 1985 quence will be for social welfare provision.

labour market will have to adapt to a different kind of demand, principally in the fields of education, housing, health, transport and leisure. "This will have to be done precisely at a time when

also be fewer and fewer in nated by the needs of older

cluding the decline of the fammore difficult to accommodate the generational shift.

but some of them also pre sume the provision of family support for the very old. Given the context of family It says: "Not only are cer-tain social protection systems changes, the possibility for families to assume such sup-port could necessitate certain based on the traditional conThe report predicts that in-creasing numbers will head for

the southern coastal districts of Europe because of their bet-ter climate and associated industrial development. It also argues that, while city centres are likely to con-

tinue becoming depopulated, the suburbs will grow and populations will be be concen-trated along the traffic corridors linking major cities.

Acrose Europe, Scandinavia has seen an upturn in fertility levels and increases in birth rates in the last 10

years. The central EU countries, including the UK, the Low Countries, France and Luxembourg have seen levels of fertility decline over needed to maintain popula-

Fertility rates in Germany and Austria - where the post-war baby boom took place earlier than elsewhere have also been very low. Southern Europe and Ireland have seen a sudden drop in fertility levels and conse-quently are likely to have the argest disproportions in their elderly and young

populations. Although the decline in the oung population might lead to some savings in education are likely to be outweighed by

produced an equivalent fall in per capita expenditure on child care and education." To counter the decline in

the indigenous population. the report estimates that net immigration into EU member states would have to rise from its current level of half a million a year to as much as

million. The report argues that the scope for couples to decide the spacing and number of their offspring freely and independently has led to a drop in fertility. Social and medical progress has permitted a longer life span in better health. The report claims other surveys show Europe-ans now want more children

than they actually have. It adds: "Whereas life exectancy was initia achieved by cutting infant mortality, further improvedue to falling mortality at ad vanced ages: death is occur ring later and later. Nowa days children who have reached their first birthday are unlikely to die before the

age of 60."
Of the over-80s it says: "30 years from now, there will be two or three times as many people in this age category as there are now, bringing with it a proportional increase in increasing costs associated beeded to cope with their par-with the elderly. "The fall in ticular requirements."

#### 'Test case' over Tory MP's financial support | Eight major sports events gyaranteed for free TV

The cast could hardly be bettered. José van Dam's Philip II is a masterpiece of dramatic understatement, full of cold, terrifying certainty: Roberto Alagna's Carlos is he-roically sung, though there was something self-regarding about his stage demeanour. Thomas Hampson cuts a Byronic figure as Posa, the loose cannon in this web of conflict ng personal and political loy alties. Eric Halvarson turns the Grand Inquisitor into a

Mattila's Elisabeth, sung with consummate command and The conductor, Antonio Pappano, is alert to every shade and dramatic twist, and able to make the Orchestre de Paris sound as though Verdi was its daily diet. When Bernard Haitink takes over at Co vent Garden he will have his work cut out to match Pap-

brilliantly conceived gro-

tesque. Best of all is Karita

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Corresponden THE Labour MP Angels Eagle has filed a com-

plaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey, over the financial support a Tory MP has been receiving to prevent

Amid mounting signs that Labour is becoming disillu-sioned with the effectiveness of Sir Gordon, Ms Eagle has ing to declare the money in the register of MPs' interests. Some Labour MPs see the complaint as a test case of the usefulness of the new commissioner. They are increas-ingly disappointed by Sir Gordon, who was appointed in the wake of the Nolan Committee to deal with possible breaches of MPs' rules of

complaint from Labour MP Jeff Rooker, on the Thomason affair, saying he could not act on newspaper reports. Mr Rooker had submitted a Sunday Times report which included evidence of a finan-

cial support operation.

Ms Eagle, a former member of the Select Committee on Standards, has been handed anonymously a huge file of evidence suggesting that senior Tories, including former defence secretary Lord Younger, who is chairman of had urged banks to defer proceedings. According to min-utes, he had pointed out that "Mr Thomason is an MP but made a bankrupt. It is likely that the Government would lose that seat at a by-election, which clearly embarrasses

the Governmen The bulk of Mr Thomason's firm's debts are owed to the French bank UCB. Ms Eagle

son, MP for Broms grove, should have registered a loan repayment concession

as a benefit in kind.
One letter from UCB's law-yers stated: "UCB is owed ap-proximately 2950,000. In addition, Mr Thomason has other debts which increases this amount by five to six times. He simply does not have the wherewithal to meet these payments." David Hencke adds: A clamp-

down from April 1 on special advisers to ministers taking outside jobs has been announced by public service minister Roger Freeman.
The decision — in line with

the Nolan Committee's loophole so that the advisers will have to wait up to two years before taking up appointments with companies that could benefit from inside

Andrew Culf

BRITAIN'S sporting crown jewels are to remain on mainstream teleing financial muscle of satellite broadcasters, the Government conceded yes-

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secre-tary, said eight "listed" events would remain uni-versally available to viewers and listeners.

Despite the concession, the Government found itself on a fresh collision course with the Lords over an amendment which would guarantee highlights for the BBC or ITV of non listed events shown live or Rupert Murdoch's Sky Sports channel.

Mrs Bottomley said the

so-called "unbundling"

amendment, which would the Derby and Wimbledon force sports bodies to sell finals weekend. eparate packages of rights

r live coverage and highlights, was not desirable But Lord Howell, the former Labour sports minis-ter, who had forced capitulation over the list, said ber stance would undermine

The Government res

treated over the list after the Lords dealt it a 117-vote defeat last month to ensure subscription channels could not buy up coverage. Under the terms of the ompromise the events will be available to terrestrial and satellite broadcasters on a non-exclusive basis, as

first revealed in yesterday's Guardian.
The events are the FA
Cup and Scottish FA Cup

finals, soccer World Cup. Olympics, cricket Test matches involving Eng-land, the Grand National Government's

amendment would guaran tee coverage on free terrestrial channels, while satellite and pay-per-view services could offer alternative or fuller coverage.

Mrs Bottomley claimed statutory intervention

intrustant Lord Howell said:
"At least an million cannot see Murdoch's channet." am furious - the Government is betraying the elderly who have supported sport over the years and youngsters who will not see the excellence that will inspire them to take up sport. It is undermining the entire

future of British sport."
The unbundling amendment will be debated today. but a vote is not expected until the Broadcasting Bill returns to the Lords for its

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Mark Tran in New York

accused of murdering her newborn baby in a

New York hotel room will

# Stalker jailed for mental GBH

who waged a three-year hate campaign against a former work colleague and caused her serious psychologi-cal damage was jailed for three years yesterday for inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Former petty officer Anthony Burstow, of no fixed abode, terrified 28-year-old Tracey Sant in a campaign that included sending her a soiled sanitary towel in the post, stealing her underwear from a washing line, pouring solvent over her car and writing her sinister notes.

Burstow, who did not touch Ms Sant, admitted at Reading crown court, Berkshire, unlawfully and maliciously in-flicting grievous bodily harm between February 19 and July 27 last year. The case is thought to be

the first in which a stalker has been convicted of inflicting GBH, although two men caused them psychological distress by telephone calls and stealing clothes have been found guilty of the less offence of causing actual

Although Burstow, aged 36. pleaded guilty, his conviction will be seen as a victory for campaigners demanding jus-tice for victims of stalkers.

Britain has no specific anti-stalker laws but the Home Office is reviewing such laws in the US, Canada and Australia to see whether workable legislation can be

Sgt Linda Ferman, who has from the beginning, said a motion would be put forward

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Stalker Anthony Burstow (left), whose obs

attacks, all brought on by Burstow's psychological war-

Ms Sant said afterwards: "

am very relieved that it has

Burstow has affected my life

and my health." But she feared that he would continue

to torment her after his

release from jail. "I don't think this will be an end to

Paul Reid, prosecuting, told the court that Ms Sant had

Burstow while she was a civil servant at the shore-based

HMS Collingwood in Fare-

ham, Hampshire, in the sum-mer of 1992. At the time Ms

loyalist Ulster Freedom Fight-ers, admitted as much. "Un-

fortunately I think there's go-

calling for changes in the law | badly and experiencing panic to make it easier to prosecute stalkers.

Judge Josh Lait told Burstow, who also admitted stealing a nightdress and underwear from Ms Sant's parents' home, that he had subjected Ms Sant to a "prolonged mental ordeal" and "sought to control her whole life". A note he had left on her father and father's car proved that he had intended to cause her psychological distress. It ended: "Let's remember this is totally personal. Nothing

The judge read out doctors' reports which said that Ms Sant had been suffering from

will change how much I hate

There was nothing to sugges She ended their friendship in August 1992 because she felt he was becoming too in-volved with her. "Burstow refused to accept this and from this time on developed

an obsession," said Mr Reid. In January 1993 he was bound over for two years after making nulsance phone calls and following Ms Sant in his car. In September 1998 he was sent to prison for three Sant's car by pouring solvent

was away in Hong Kong.

In May 1994 he was sent to prison for 18 months for burgling Ms Sant's home and stealing clothing, but was released the following

August. He then followed Ms Sant to Crowthorne, Berkshire, where she had sought refuge with her parents. His obsession drove him to

litter condoms over Ms Sant's garden and along the road outside her parents' home. Some were placed under the windscreen wipers of cars parked outside. Burstow also sent a note to

the Met Office in Bracknell,

Berkshire, where Ms Sant worked, which read: "Lady, a ever start something unless you intend to see it through to the bitter end and finish it." He was arrested last July when he was caught lying in wait for her outside the Met Office. The stolen underwear searched a house where he was staying and seized a detailed diary of his surveil-

lance of Ms Sant, photographs



## Old acts, old audiences as Ulster peace talks begin

Paisley in press success. Adams makes TV news. Mayhew predicted poor start. A win for everyone, reports David Sharrock

voluminous book of attempts to resolve Northern Ireland's troubles was being turned inside an ugly Beifast office block yesterday, UIster's familiar political faces were doing what they know best — playing to their

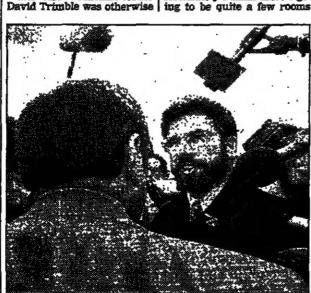
The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists. got his retaliation in first with a sparky press confer-ence in east Belfast, a mile or so from the venue for the "intensive multilateral discussions" in Castle Buildings on

the Stormont estate. "So the drop-in centre is being opened today with a flourish of trumpets, boomed. "And a lot of drop-outs will be attending." He claimed that he had not been issued with a proper invita-tion, but even if he had he

would not be going there.
It was outrageous that the Irish foreign minister, Dick Spring — What's this word tanaiste [Irish deputy prime minister]?" he asked a repor-ter — was demanding that his suite of offices have exactly the same footage of space, the the same colour telephone as the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew.

HEY were talks, but | Major and other parties at his not as we know them. normal place of work — West-As another page in the minster. As for the tangiste, it was said that Sir Francis Drake had singed the beard of Ulster Democratic Party the King of Spain. "Well we rolled up throughout the will singe Dicky Spring's moustache.

That went so well Mr Paisley decided to stage the press conference all over again, and this time only 300 yards away from the talks venue. The Ulster Unionist leader



this week he would meet John | An official stops Gerry Adams as he tries to get into the talks

tomorrow.

Meanwhile politicians of widely differing views and electoral support were arriving at Stormont. Mr Spring shook hands with Sir Patrick; cause he failed to tell loyalist coneagues in the Progressive Unionist Party, which is close to the Ulster Volunteer Force, decided to stay away. They have fallen out with Mr Spring be shook hands with Sir Patrick; cause he failed to tell loyalist coneagues in the Progressive Unionist Party, which is close to the Ulster Volunteer Force, decided to stay away. They have fallen out with Mr Spring be cause he failed to tell loyalist coneagues in the Progressive Unionist Party, which is close to the Ulster Volunteer Force, decided to stay away. They have fallen out with Mr Spring be caused to be coneagues in the Progressive Unionist Party, which is close to the Ulster Volunteer Force, decided to stay away. They have fallen out with Mr Spring be caused to be coneagued to be about the proximity talks plan due to be amounced the following morning. Party, SDLP, Alliance and the morning, in singles or cou-ples. It was clear there was no

PUP spokesman David Er-vine said that while Mr Spring was at Stormont, he Gary McMichael of the UDP, the party linked to the would not be. "No attempt has been made to heal the rift which is now a serious rift."

Then came the big picture event of the day. Just early enough to make the lunch-time talevision news, Sinn Fein arrived in force. There was Gerry Adams, Martin McGuinness, Pat Doherty, Siobhan O'Hanlon, Gerry Kelly, Tom Hartley, Lucilita Breatnach, some Belfast city councillors, minders and

They strode purposefully and slowly, towards Castle Buildings. Like some modern-day re-enactment of the Siege of Derry, the metal gates we closed in their faces and a Stormont spokesman blocked Mr Adams' path. The Sinn Fein president

made a speech to the spokes-man — was he a security guard? - about the injustice of the situation. The man standing between

him and the talks venue ex-plained the situation back. "If you wish to submit a request for a meeting with officials

Mr Adams: "Which officials

#### Women elevated to the level of motorbikes in T.E. Lawrence letters

"P LEASE believe that I don't love or hate the entire race of women. There are good ones and bad ones, I find - much the same as men and dogs and motorbicycles."

This less than fullhearted endorsement from a bachelor who was, howkeenest motorcyclists They were found in fam-comes in a newly discov-ered set of 10 letters by Lawrence of Arabia.

They were found in fam-ily papers in Truro, Corn-wall, by the daughter of B.E. Leeson, a votage. ever, one of the world's They contain his pungent

thoughts to a close friend on the ugliness of babies. the wretched eclipse of his response to news of the left a nasty taste in my

drawbacks of teetotalism, the prospect of a film about him and an eerie anticipation of his death.

The collection, dating from 1919 to 1934, is expected to fetch £20,000 at auction at Phillips in London on March 14. Felix Pryor, Phillips book specialist, yesterday called them superb examples of

his vivid letter writing. B.E. Leeson, a veteran with whom T.E. Lawrence whom served in the Arabian campaign. One letter gives his

Arab adventure", the | daughter's birth: "Children so young look more like bubbles in boiled grease than anything else". His views on women were

in retort to newspaper stories claiming he had a distaste for them. "Gods, what a foul imagination they conjure up," he wrote, "Because I don't drink or smoke or dance, all things can be invented." In 1923 Lawrence wrote

after changing his name to Ross and enlisting as a menial in the RAF: "After you left us, the Arabian adventure got rather too black and heavy and the gaiety died out; while the end of it

disgust for my war person ality. So please pardon a change of name . . . I'm fed up with being called colonel and am determined not 2DA more respectable."

In 1930, he wrote: "Don't harp on our ill luck at meeting; there are meet-ings and meetings. It might be like indigestion; or it might be on the open road, your Rolls doing a cool 60 and me a hot 90. That, now, would be ill luck."

In 1935 he was killed at high speed when he vested off a country road to avoid bicycles

Becoming a soldier had been a boyhood ambition for the South Wales youngster but he met abuse from his first day, and it continued until he left. In the British Army, as Evans and other black soldiers discovered, the notorious barrack-room bully has given way — but only to the barrack-room racist.

**2** cover story

Mr Adams: "You're now representing

As for the unionists, the a farce Inauspicious, yes, but SDLP would not meet them predictable.

Meanwhile, senior SDLP the next fortnight "There's

engaged in his constituency, but there you go," he land ministers in London tomorrow.

His loyalist colleagues in the Progressive Unionist Meanwhile politicians of widely differing views and later the politicians of later the politici

Faith-healers at work in frish

few days after last night strik-ing a deal with US prosecut-

ing a deal with the ing authorities.
Caroline Beale, aged 32, was sentenced to eight months in prison — which she has alternated in the ingression of the in ready served — after pleading guilty to second degree man-slaughter. The rest of her sentence consists of five years' probation and one year of

psychiatric care.
At the beginning of the hearing, Ms Beale shook un-controllably and spoke in a barely audible whisper.

The prosecuting attorney.

was one of the most tragic in her 13 years as a prosecutor. The outcome was "fair and

Citing a psychiatric report, Miss Fisher said Ms Beale, although aware of her action, had suffered from a pre-exist-ing condition — depression. Ms Beale would need continuing psychlatric therapy and

medication, she said.

Ms Beale will return to
Britain with her parents, and will immediately start psychi-atric treatment at the Maudsley Hospital in south London. Her treatment will last 12

months or longer.

A former Department of Health employee, Ms Beale was arrested in September 1994 at Kennedy Airport, New York, when she, her common-law husband, Paul Faraway, about to board a flight to

She had concealed the baby's body under her coat and told police she had hidden her pregnancy and the birth from Mr Faraway. She was charged with second degree murder, a charge that could have carried a sentence of between 15 years to life

After her arrest she was sent to New York's notorious Rikers Island prison, where she shared a jail with six in-mates. Eight months later she was granted bail on condition that she stay in the state of New York and surrender her

ast few court appearances, home as part of the bail

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## **Orkney** agrees 'abuse' payout 🚱

**Erlend Clouston** 

HE parents and children caught up in the 1991 Orkney child abuse scandal yesterday accepted an apology and financial compensation from the Islands council in an out of court

The four families wrongly linked by social workers to ritual sex games in a quarry received sums significantly less than the £1 million they were originally said to be seeking. The joint statement issued

after a day of negotiations in Kirkwall acknowledged the council's responsibility for the "distress and trauma" ex-perienced by parents when nine children were snatched in dawn raids and exiled to institutions for five weeks. Neither side was prepared

to discuss the size of the compensation which the council initially intended to oppose. Around £50,000 will come out of council funds, with a "not much greater" sum being contributed by insurers Commercial Union.
"The families are very

pleased with the settlement, and are both pleased and relieved that what has amounted to an ordeal over

amounted to an ordeal over the past five years has now come to an end," a council spokesman said.

An inquiry by Lord Clyde found that the four families at the centre of the affair should be presumed innocent. The judge criticised Orkney social work department, though he conceded that staff had been acting in good faith.

In yesterday's statement, the council said it fully ac-cepted the criticisms in the report. The nine children aged between eight and 15 were seized after an eight-year-girl told social workers about taking part in games in the quarry with a church minister. Her sister later corroborated and elaborated on

mother, Mrs W, said she was delighted at the compensation

They are certainly entitled to the money plus grovelling applogies because of the harm the authorities inflicted on them and others." Two of Mrs W's 15 children

move to have her two your-



Sentry duty . . . protesters at a camp on the route of the Newbury bypass await the arrival of security guards yesterday

## **Bailiffs** 'were reckless' in bypass clash

ORE than 300 police and 1,000 security offi-cers and bailiffs took all day yesterday to evict fewer than 30 people from four small protest camps on the route of the Newbury byeight people were arrested. Legal observers for Friends

of the Earth and independent witnesses alleged that the police turned a blind eye to reckless behaviour by bailiffs. Alan Bridger, a solicitor and the senior observer on the "Granny Ash" site, urged protesters hauled out of the irees to seek legal advice with a view to suing for assault. He also complained that his team of observers was given no ac-

side down is so reckless as to quite likely constitute a criminal offence. These arrests are highly dangerous

Protesters and bailiffs played cat and mouse high in the branches for several hours. Many climbing with-out rope or harness were pulled out from the tops of the trees into "cherry picker"

platform cranes
Those arrested included
Arthur Pendragon, self-styled
reincarnation of King Arthur, for possession of an offensive weapon, his broadsword.

Profesters accused the bat-liffs of assault. One man was concussed after he fell 20ft from a tree as it was cut down. More than a dozen press and legal observers say they witnessed a bailiff using a perspex shield to hit a pro-tester 60 ft up in the branches cess to parts of the site.

"Arresting people 70 ft in the air and turning them uptester 60 ft up in the branches Police denied that the barliffs used unreasonable force.

## **Crowning glory for the Commons touch**

MPs can debate the monarchy, Labour MP who called for a referendum on the monarchy, sought assurances that no lottery money would be spent on the monarchy.

Michael White and Ed Pilkington

HE Speaker of the Commons, Betty Boothroyd, handed political hot potato to John Major and Tony Blair last night when she said that the Commons could debate the royal family if the two front benches chose.

"Nothing prevents this House debating the subject of the monarchy. It is for the Leader of the House [Tony Newton] or for the Government to make time for a de-bate to take place on that," Miss Boothroyd told Dennis Skinner, leftwing MP for Bol-sover, who asked if any rules prevented such a debate

In the wake of Labour Weish spokesman Ron Davies's attack on the Prince of Wales, there was no sign that Government or Opposition is keen to oblige backbenchers who have been calling for Parliament to discuss the

The risks are too great. Mr statement on royal matters | weekend defeat. since announcing the Waleses

ADDRESS

when he wrongly predicted that it would not affect Di-

The parliamentary rule book, Erskine May, confirms that either front bench could table the necessary substantive motion to allow a free-ranging debate. But humble backbenchers who tried to do so would be blocked.

"Labour MPs are torn between thinking there's a lot of humbug about the monarchy in Parliament and a fear that such a debate would divert the front pages from our pros-ecution of the Government," a closet republican in Labour's ranks said last

encourage a Labour feud, the fear is well founded. Senior union leaders and Labour stalwarts echoed it last night. The Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, said last night: "In my view those who flirt with republicanism are likely to get the result of the Labor Party in Australia," a reference to Paul Keating's

the royal yacht.

cused on the economy and creating new jobs," he said. Sir Jeremy Beecham, chair-man of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, called the monarchy debate "a complete

He said "a constitutional monarchy is probably as good a system for head of state as

Andrew Puddephatt, direc-tor of Charter 88, highlighted Tony Blair's contradiction in seeking to end hereditary rights in the House of Lords while attempting to avoid dis-cussing the future of the monarchy.
"Labour can credibly call

for an end to hereditary peers while retaining the monarchy. What it can't do is try In exchanges with Mrs Bot- and prevent debate."

the royal yacht.

Outside Westminster, a Guardian straw poll found little enthusiasm for the issue among leading Labour figures. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union and a republican, warned the Labour movement against becoming over-excited about the debate.

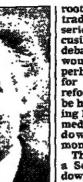
PETER HAIN, right, formerly chairman of the Tribune Group and a key voice on the centre Left of the Labour Party, is now silenced by his status as a Labour whip, but last summer he set out a lengthy programme for what he described as "progmatic republicanism". Some reports suggest that more than half the Labour movement against becoming over-excited about the debate.

country nearing the end of the 20th century it is extraordinary, not simply that we have a monarch who de facto believes in her divine right to reign over us, but that we accept such nonsense. Its political sig-nificance is not underesti-mated by the Tory right for whom the cloak of the Crown is clearly hardly a legitimising force.
The Crown reinforces an

of obsessive secrecy and tution it is not clear what and unaccountability. (if any) are the constraints Whitehall and the execu-tive establishment exercise power in the shadow of the prime minister and other monarchy's mystique. MPs | ministers.

modern are not even permitted to nearing refer to the monarch in an adversarial manner in the Commons: when I asked in 1991 whether the Queen had been consulted over proposals to privatise the Royal Mail, I had to refer to "a certain person whose head appears on the stamp" event of the government los-ing its majority.

in order to avoid the Speaker cutting me short. The royal prerogative . . . allows the government to take decisions without parliamentary consent. Under Britain's unwritten constiupon the exercise of the royal prerogative by the Republicanism is .



the power to dissolve Par-liament and call an election. By custom and practice, this power is exercised with care and in concert with the prime minister. Nevertheless, it . . . could also be used to avoid an election in the

Because the concept of the monarchy is at the heart of the constitution any proposed structural changes would have a direct impact ... removing hereditary peers from the House of Lords would leave the monarch exposed as the sole hereditary element in

tradition, but there is a serious argument that fo-cusing the constitutional debate around the royals would divert attention and perhaps alienate support for other aspects of the reform agenda . . . it would be hard to justify an incoming Labour government im-mediately getting bogged down in abolishing the

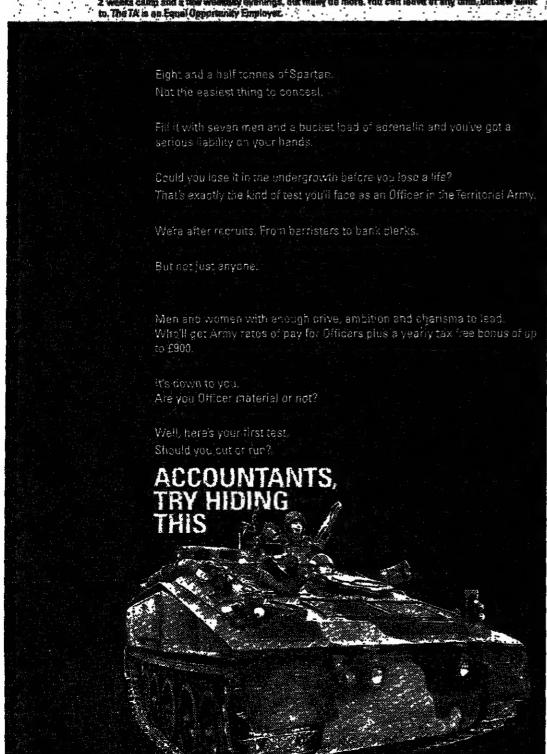
a Scandinavian slimmed down monarchy with ceremony rather than constitu-tional functions. But even this would not meet the de-mand for full modernisation of the British state.

A president need not have executive powers on the US model. The Czechs elected a playwright and the Poles a shipyard worker. As Irish president, Mary Robinson is an excellent advertisement for the head of state in a

modern monarchy.
As part of a strategy for the British constitution. the left should adopt a polcanism. Increasing democratisation including abolition of the royal pre-rogative and House of Lods would steadily reduce support for the monarchy.



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## Tiptoeing around republicanism

Opposition fear of reaction keeps royal subject taboo

HREE years ago an un-named subject of the Queen placed £8,000 with a North London bookie on the abolition of the monarchy by the year 2000.

If the punter ever collects his £146,000 winnings it is a certainty he will not turn out to be a Labour MP in disguise, for what is so striking about the history of a party committed for most of this century to a radical economic and social programme is the extent to which it has tiptoed around republicanism.

the widowed queen's pro-longed seclusion earned her public disdain.

British life through much of the late Victorian era, when

bate is tranquil now despite the growing unpopularity of the Queen's family. Tony Benn has issued bills setting up a Commonwealth with an elected head of state. Labour MPs as different as Jack Straw and Ken Livingstone also campaign for abolition of residual powers under the royal prerogative, which

successive governments have used to keep openness and accountability at bay.
But since Keir Hardie led them at the turn of the century, few have seriously cam-paigned to overthrow the House of Windsor, partly be-cause they have had other priorities, partly because the royal family has usually been popular and Labour leaders as susceptible to the royal em-



Willie Hamilton: blazed a

ters from Ramsay MacDonald to Harold Wilson have de-fended the monarchy rather than attacked it. By the early 1990s even Neil Kinnock was telling MPs that he and Glenys had been overnight guests at Windsor.

cal anti-monarchy trail and wrote a book called My Queen and L but was written off as an eccentric.
It is a lesson which leftwing

MPs have taken to heart Even Ken Livingstone's mani-festo for the 1990s, Livingstone's Labour, contains only one reference to the Crown Tony Blair shows no sign of radicalism on the subject. It

was a contradiction of Mrs Thatcher's career that the throne was one exhausted in-stitution she did not attack. Yet Ron Davies, the shadow Welsh secretary, was forced to apologise for his comments about Prince Charles. Edward VII had been a tab-

buward vir had been a tab-loid sort of King. George V was dull and dutiful, Edward VIII a dangerous reactionary. What rescued the monarchy was George VI and Queen Elizabeth's solid performance in the abdication crisis and the blitz. That legacy is wastonged seclusion earned her brace as their voters.

To curry popularity and by comparison political descential ing fast. It opens up a political

## Homeless aid spreads to Bristol

James Meikle and Geoffrey Gibbs

HE Government yesterday promised funds to combat homelessness in Bristol as it acknowledged that the problem was not con-

It also launched checks on

shelter in 23 other centres. The widening of the pro-gramme which has been running in London for six years was confirmed by David Curry, the housing minister. It includes work by charities, provision of overnight hostel places and more permanent accommodation. Alcoholics, drug takers and the mentally ill will be among "bard core"

groups to benefit. Bristol city council is being invited to team up with other organisations to bid for funds for a programme to tackle local problems. Up to 70 people a night are seen by Shelter's outreach worker.

carried out by the Labour-

controlled city council. It made chilling reading despite showing the efforts | welcomed by Homeless Net-

sleepers in the hours between midnight on December 7th (a Thursday) and 4am the Thursday) and 4am the following morning found a total of 84 people in the city centre and a further 16 just outside the city boundaries. In addition, the survey identified 35 people sleeping rough in constant buildings. in squatted buildings

Temperatures in the city were below freezing and it was felt that the total identified had to be taken as a mini mum number.
"Some of the conditions in

which rough sleepers were found can only be described as appalling," says the director of housing's report on rough sleepers. "Some were found sleeping inside refuse

skips."
The package, which also means new funds in central London, includes £73 million Shelter's outreach worker. over three years specifically for rough sleepers, £25 milsurvey as part of a wider lion for advice services, espe-audit of homelessness being cially for young single people, and £12 million from the Department of Health.

The announcement was

being made by Bristol's private, public and voluntary sector agencies.

The head count of rough warned: "The combination of large warned: "The housing benefit cuts and the Housing Bill's proposals on easier evictions will mean that more people will end up

there will be no change to the criminal law to force rough sleepers off the streets al-

are: Manchester, York, Bir-mingham, Leicester, Nottingham, Cambridge. Norwich. Bath. Exter. Gloucester, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Brighton, Oxford, Reading, A government paper pub-lished yesterday confirms Tunbridge Wells and the London boroughs of Barnet, Ea-ling. Hammersmith and Fulham. Kensington and Chelsea, Richmond-uponthough legislation may be in-troduced to allow police to ar-Waltham Forest.

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## Gays attack Soames's ban pledge

IE ARMED forces Soames, yesterday pledged to "fight inch of the way" to retain the ban on homosexuals in the military as gay rights groups condemned a Ministry of Defence report as

prejudiced and inaccurate.

Drawing on the longawaited report by the ministry's Homosexual Policy Assessment Team, Mr Soames
claimed any relaxation of the prohibition would damage op-erational effectiveness, lead to breaches of trust at critical moments and loss of morale. He told the Commons: would have to be a con-defence reason to change

Commissioned as a response to the legal challenge by four gay, ex-service per-sonnel, the report surveyed opinion within the armed forces and examined countries which have admit-

ted homosexuals to the ranks.
The survey's apparent reliance on questionnaires sent to members of the armed forces was attacked by Stone-

forces was attacked by Stone-wall, the gay rights group.
"We do not accept that the survey accurately reflects the feelings of serving men and women," said Angel Mason, its director. "It's ridiculous to suggest that British people are more bigoted than the French, Australians or Israelis.
"What this report does is to legitimise the undoubted pro-

legitimise the undoubted prej-udices of our chiefs of staff. It not include their own legal advice that they will lose the case if it goes to Europe." Ed Hall, a serviceman dis-

Owen Bowcott, Ben Stewart ion. The questionaire was supposedly anonymous but so much personal information had to be given that respon-dents couldn't be honest without feeling they might be suepected of homosexuality."

Labour has sidestepped the issue by reserving its respouse until the armed forces select committee has debated the issue later this month.

An incoming Labour gov-erument would be reluctant to risk the controversy Presi-dent Clinton faced in his first nonths in office over an similar dilemma.
The Liberal Democrats

have been less hesitant. Men-zies Campbell, the defence Government did not change its policy it would find itself forced to do so by the courts.
"This is a straightforward

question of civil rights. The Ministry of Defence has a choice—either it follows the practice in virtually every will be forced in a matter of a few years to concede."

Many MPs condemned the

Government for placing only one copy of the report in the Commons library, accusing the Government of news management in the manner of the Scott report's publication. Release of the survey has coincided with increased ten-sion over Australia's decision

in 1982 to remove its ban on homosexuals in its forces. In a controversial decision

recently the Labor govern-ment, which lost power at the weekend, stopped the recruit-ment of people who were HIV positive. The liberal attitude to gays left the Australian Defence Force under fire from veterans for allowing homomissed for homosexuality, commented: "The report accepts there are no security implications. That only Sydney.

## Forces claim incompatibility

Survey reveals bitter opposition among service personnel, Owen Bowcott finds

MOSEXUALITY is incompatible with life in the armed forces if they are to maintain their "full potential fighting power", an in-ternal Ministry of Defence review published yesterday

blicanism

The 400 page report, based chiefly on interviews and questionnaires completed by more than 7,000 service per-sonnel, reveals deeply en-trenched — and often bitter opposition to any relaxation of regulations which ban homosexual men and women. Compiled by the ministry's homosexual policy assessment team, the survey accepts that the prohibition may eventually be overturned by legal action in the European Court of Human Rights. But if liberalisation oc-curred, there would be "reduced cohesion" which would undermine "fighting power". Nor would lifting the ban resolve the issue. There would almost certainly be renewed and continuing com-plaints of discrimination

organisations."
Asked if the services would be a "more comfortable envi-ronment if homosexuals were accepted", only 3 per cent of those replying to the survey agreed while 84 per cent dis-

But a question on whether homosexuals should be allowed to serve as long as "homosexual behaviour was not permitted in barracks or on duty" elicited support

Many of the attitude inquiries were phrased in a parti-san manner such as: "If I had to share showers and sleeping accommodation with known homosexuals, I would resent them — Agree or Disagree?"
The report team, which included a chartered psychologist, insisted those negative questions were balanced by statements inviting a positive

Excerpts of letters and com-ments received by the team are included in the report. Many contain pungent per-sonal opinions. "I would not give first aid to a homosexual under any circumstances," an RAF senior aircraftsman

A smaller number are more conciliatory. "When I go to war, I would rather have alongside me a gay who shoots straight, than a straight who shoots crooked," observes an army lieutenant colonel. Of 639 letters received from service person-

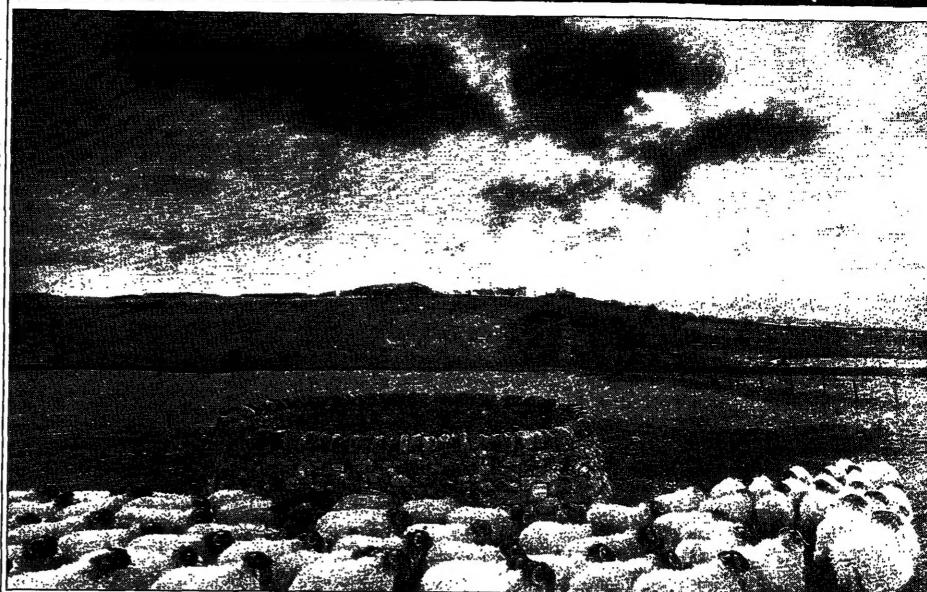
nel, 587 opposed any change in the regulations. The survey, not suprisingly given the predominance of men in the armed services, shows far greater hostility towards male homosexuality

lations, including the 'don't ask, don't tell' model adopted recently by the United States, are considered but rejected. The gulf between attitudes in society at large and those within the armed forces is accepted. "It is never going to be easy to explain and justify MoD policy to a general population which has diminishing

military experience.

"The special circumstances of the service environment are not immediately obvious to to civilians. No other employees sends its employees out in disciplined teams to kill and be killed".

## Project aims to crack the snobbery barrier between art galleries and the public



## Soccer fans help to kick off the Year of Visual Arts

Martin Walnwright

tempt to bring art to the

HE most ambitious at-

tempt to bring art to the people of Britain was launched last night with a skyburst of fireworks and an unscheduled hand from football's Premier League.

Hundreds of Manchester United and Newcastle supporters joined crowds on the banks of the river Tyne before their match to mark the start of the Year of the Visual Arts, which hopes to crack the snobbery barrier between galleries and the public.

"This is just the kind of coincidence we need," said Alan Sykes of Northern Sights, which is co-ordinating the \$70

which is co-ordinating the £70 million extravaganza on be-half of the Arts Council. "We want to show the latest developments in visual art and the ertists to everyone, including people who might otherwise pass them by.

The football fans were treated to an event by the French theatre group Katertone, who surrounded Earl Grey's statue with a fiery recreation of an engineering Creation Train is the concept forge and blast furnace. Later of the sculptor David Mach.

in the evening crowds moved to the first of a series of "pre-views for the people" at Laing Gallery. Newcastle, where artists were challenged to ex-

plain their work.

This included a former fac-tory full of miniature clay people designed by the sculp-tor Anthony Gormley, and 100 new or repaired Cumbrian sheepfolds in the year's sprawl of exhibition sights across the North of England.

The region won the right to

nost the year, the latest in the Arts Council's Millennium 2000 project, which saw Manchester produce the 1994 Year of Drama and Swansea and South Wales manage last year's Year of Literature. Mr Sykes said: "This ... will have a lasting impact. The building programmed allows

visual arts to date." Yesterday's launch was bricks outside a shopping mall in Middlesbrough. The

Sculptor brings dry-stone art to a windswept sheepfold

David Ward

AMY ROWLAND stood part of Visual Arts in the North, the year long bo-nanza which officially egan yesterday.

After a few moments, it became clear that Amy windswept in a field in Mungrisdale, Cumbria, and apparently transfixed with

which will give the region six new art galleries, is the big-gest capital investment in the wellington boot She wrenched free her wellington boots with a squelch and climbed on the latest creation of Andy given a fillip with news of a 2515,000 National Lottery aris grant to build a train out of who does imaginatively ephemeral things with sticks and leaves when he is not enthralled by rock. the real thing, built by an bewilder Cumbria's 2.5 mil-Mr Goldsworthy has cre- expert waller working lion sheep. From a distance



folds balf a mile apart in the isolated valley near Keswick. He plans to have enclosures for sheltering. counting, gathering and checking sheep — in Cum-bria by December 31, 2000.

The first of the Mungris dale pair is recognisably the real thing, built by an instructions on the site of a | square folds, with corners ruined fold. It is circular, about 16ft across and will not confuse the flocks of Swaledales which graze these pastures in the shadow of bracken-covered Souther Fell.

The other fold, the one on which Amy clambered, will bewilder Cumbria's 2.5 mil-

mess of stones, close up it becomes clear that the jumble conceals the perfectly constructed core of a standard fold. It is a nice

Stones lying around in a field may look random, said Mr Goldswortby in a recent interview for Radio Cum-bria. "but they are part of a cycle in which they are taken from the field and made into walls. So there are walls within these piles. I wanted to make something about that." The fold is embedded in

the stones, the man-made product in the natural resource. It is a statement about people and their

Rowland, Amy's father. who is a local farmer.

The plan is that the Goldsworthy folds will form a county-wide, open air gallery which can be visited by any art lover with determination, a good map and a stout pair of

## Police searching for girl, 5, find Nigerian appeals body in place already checked over deportation

Tom Sharratt

HE BODY of a child was found yesterday by police searching for Rosemary McCann, aged five, who disappeared in January from her home at Oldham, Greater Manchester.

A series of alternative regu-Police were unable to confirm that the child, whose body was found hidden in a bag in a narrow alley way, was the missing girl but De-tective Superintendent Ron Gaffey said that the child was wearing red pyjama trousers as was Rosemary.

Rosemary disappeared from her bed in the early hours of January 14 while her mother, Josie Mabon, aged 28, was at the home of a friend close by. A teenager who was babysitting Rosemary and her brother, Martin, six, was



wearing red pyjamas

a mile from the family's home, while police were carsearched before. The spot is also close to the Roundthorn searched. "Clearly it was area, where a motorist missed because this was part reported dropping of a man and a little girl after picking them up near Rosemary's home on the night of her disappearance. Police were preearch of the area.

Miss Mahon's cousin, Celia O'Neill, said: "She is ex-tremely distressed as we all

"My cousin has not realised what has happened yet - it's just not hit her. It's terrible, absolutely terrible. You can't understand what she's going through."

Hopes of finding Rosemary
alive faded rapidly during the

freezing weather in January. Volunteers from mountain rescue teams helped search woods, waste ground, and ponds and watercourses.

Det Supt Gaffey admitted

must bear in mind we did something like 40 square miles of Oldham originally."

"It was a massive search. Today we made a more de-tailed search of the area on the basis of our investigations so far and that led us here." Det Supt Gaffey said it was impossible to say how long the body had been there, or the cause of death until there had been a post mortem

he said.

It had been quite well con-cealed. "It was wrapped in a bag and had been secreted." he said. "It was squashed be-tween a couple of buildings." Andrew Pountley, aged 31. was remanded in custody by ther brother, Martin, six was rying out what was described ponds and watercourses.

Oldham magistrates on Janualeep in another room.

The body was found in the an area which had been that the spot where the body ing Rosemary.

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE son of a "disap peared" Nigerian pro-de mocracy activist yester day asked the Appeal Court to block his deportation by the Home Secretary, Michael

Lawyers acting for Ade Onibiyo, aged 20, told the Appeal Court that his life was at risk after his fother, Abdul, aged 54, had disappeared without trace in Nigeria following his removal from Britain last October.

Nicholas Blake QC, appearing for the student, said the "distressing news" of the execution in Nigeria last November of Ken Saro-Wiwa and other activists came amid fears for the father's safety. These fears, coupled with the Nigerian regime's heightened sensitivity following in- Abdul."

executions, and its apparent willingness to suppress critibined to make a "credible

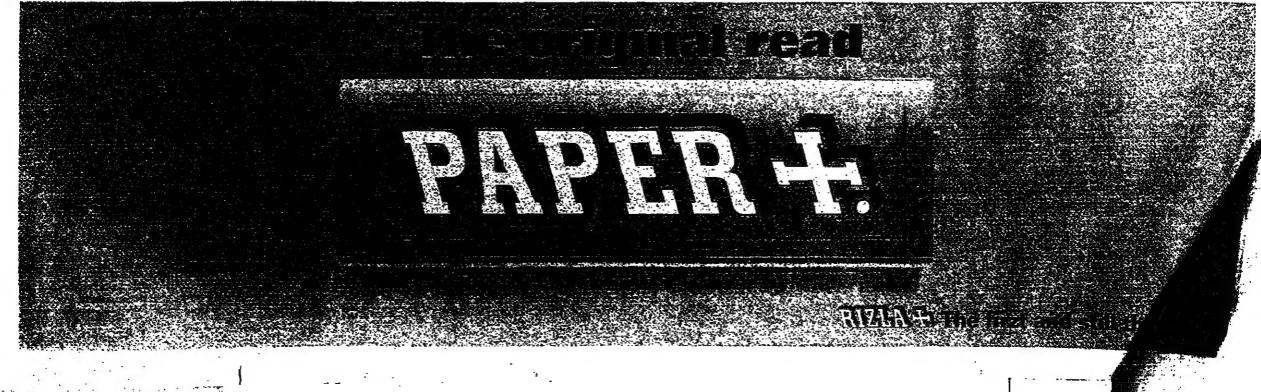
fresh claim" for asylum.

Mr Blake argued that the case raised the important question of whether more than one claim for asylum could be made during a single period in Britain.

He also said that the Inter-national Labour Organisation had been unsuccessful in tracing Mr Onibiyo senior in Nigeria. Mr Onibiyo senior worked as an engineer for the London borough of Lambeth and belonged to Unison, the public sector union. Yester-day Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, said: "We hope that the appeal will allow the family to remain in Britain. They have suffered enough with the forced removal and disappearance of



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As Israelis fall victim to Palestinian militants once again, President Clinton's tattered foreign policy looks in urgent need of repair

# US tries to heal a wounded peace

Martin Walker

HE United States resident, Bill Clinton, yesterday urged Israeli and Palestinian moder-ates to make common cause against the latest wave of terror bombings and forge a coalition for peace against ex-tremists on both sides, in an effort to save the Middle East peace process and his own peacemaking reputation.

"If you fight for peace, we will stand with you," Mr Clinton said. He reaffirmed US determination "to do all we can to stop the killing, to bring the killers to justice, and to assure that terrorism does not triumph over peace in the

Once again the enemies of peace have murdered com-pletely innocent Israeli citiincluding children in their hysterical, determined, fanatic attempt to kill all hope of peace between Israel and Palestinians and others in the Middle East. We must not give in to that." The US president drew a link be-tween Israeli militants behind the assassination last November of the former prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, and the Arab militants behind the four bombings of the last nine days.

"They have one clear thing in common — they both want to end the peace process." Mr Clinton said. He demanded that the fledgling Palestinian authority prove its sincerity with tougher measures

against Hamas. "I helieve Mr Arafat will have to do more, everything he can — up to the limits of what is possible." US diplomats tried - without much immediate success - to persuade Syria to join Egypt, Jor dan and other Arab states in condemning the bombings.

The Israeli delegation to peace talks with Syria taking place outside Washington broke off yesterday and pre-pared to fly back to Israel, despite US pleas to remain. From the aeroplane bring-

ing him back to Washington, the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, contacted the Syrian foreign min-istry in a personal appeal for a public statement in conden-

nation of Hamas. Mr Christopher has made a huge personal effort to secure Amos Oz, page 9

Jessica Berry in El-Fawwar

"HE homes in the El-Faw-

war refugee camp be-longing to the two Islam-

ist suicide bombers responsible for the horrific

attacks on February 25 were

destroyed vesterday by the Israeli occupying army. It was a collective punishment.
El-Fawwar camp, just a few miles south of the flashpoint West Bank town of Hebron. a final Middle East peace deal, making 17 trips to Damascus to try to cajole President Hafez al-Assad into

Still hoping for another his-toric handshake on the White House lawn, Mr Christophe remains committed to his mission. He told aides yester-day: "We have to ensure some good comes out of this tragedy". He believes that revulsion

towards Hamas could yet forge a coalition of peacemak ers among Israelis, the Pales-Arab states, if Syria can be brought on board. Syria hosts a number of anti-Israeli Arab militant groups.

Israel has not publicly blamed Syria, but yesterday accused the government of Iran of being indirectly resof terror "Iran is one of the main sup-

porters, instigators, supplying training facilities, arms and political support for these groups," Gad Yaacobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, said yesterday. Last night, President Clin-

ton returned from a trip to Detroit to consider his policy options. These range from new sanctions against Iran to further measures against any Arab-American groups sus-pected of raising funds for the

Mr Christopher flew to an emergency meeting yesterday with the defence secretary William Perry, the national security adviser, Tony Lake, and the CIA director, John Deutch.

They were in effect con-fronting the collapse of the administration's foreign pollcy. The careful construction of Mr Clinton's image as the global peacemaker is now visibly faltering.
"This is terrible for the

president's policy, and all the worse in an election year — it is all coming unravelled," said Edward Atkeson, a retired major-general and Middle East expert with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies

Mr Clinton has few good options in the Middle East. The US is unwilling to be seen to be taking sides in Israeli politics, with a general election looming in May. There are few pressures that the US can exert upon Syria or Iran.

Time bomb ticking



Tel Aviv . . . Bystanders rush to help medics treating those injured in a Hamas suicide bomb attack in Tel Aviv which killed at least 12 people

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'Do not lose faith' Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres

'Let us again state our determination that these forces of terror shall not triumph . . . We must not give in to that'

President Clinton

'The civilised world will not, must not. tolerate these acts of terrorism, which have no goal except the undermining of the Middle East process

UN secretary general, Boutros Boutros-

'We will co-operate with the Israeli government to confront these dangerous criminal acts

Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat

'The woman standing in front of us was killed. When it happened it was like an earthquake, a big earthquake as if they were showing a movie — it was just like that'

Bat-el Levy, aged eight

'Peres doesn't come here, but we'll go to his funeral'

Israeli bystander

'I condemn this sick act of violence and those who planned and executed it' Malcolm Rifland

Jerusalem . . . An Israeli woman comforts a friend after hearing about the bomb in Tel Aviv Photograph: Eyal warshavsky

#### 'If the callousness continues, other camps will try to emulate what the two guys did to wake people up'

Fawwar is, according to Khaled Amareh, a well-

known Islamic commentator, a time bomb waiting to go off. And it did — last Sunday. Ibrahim Sarahna, aged 25. and Majdi Abu Wadeh, aged 19. were the "martyrs" who blew themselves up killing 26 people in twin bomb attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon

Majdi left a note saying he

wanted to be a martyr.
In the aftermath of the bombs, their mothers and other female relatives — the men had already been arrested for questioning — sat under blankets in their leaking and bare brick homes receiving "congratulations" from Hamas supporters. In-stead of the normal mourning



given bitter, black coffee, they handed out sweet juice and baklava.

With tears in her eyes, Ibra-him Sarahna's mother, aged 60, told of how happy and proud she was for her son, who had died like a hero and had gone to Allah. "He was very quiet and prayed a lot. The children loved him. He was always laughing and smiling," she said.

But now she has no one to leak after her her has no one to

West Bank town.

Is. according to one Hebron resident "a large reservoir of human misery". Open sewage channels divide its tiny threets. Young children run money saved. Who will feed us? Maybe Allah, she said.

Thrahim had been the fambad registered

Torahim had been the fam-ily's hope. He had registered at Hebron university and was at heroth intersity and was sarning money to pay his way by teaching at the local United Nations school. Majdi Abu Wadeh, de-

scribed by his mother as "normal" and "very kind", was a high-school student. He had been jailed a few times. He wanted to learn to make

floor tiles.

Lurid photographs of the two men adorned the families' walls. Majdi's photograph, superimposed on a backdrop of Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock mosque, shows him holding a victim's shows him holding a victim's decapitated head in his hand. The residents of El-Fawwar are contemptuous of the Is-

raeli-Palestinian peace pro-cess. Most, if they voted at all in January's first Palestinian elections, chose Hamas sup-porters. In Hebron the turnout was 18 per cent. Mr Amareh said he was not surprised the two bombers

came from El-Fawwar. "It is camps and a consistent target of Israeli repression because it is just next to an army base," he said.
"Last Sunday's bombs

should sound an alarm bell in all of us. If the callousness try to emulate what the two guys did to make people wake up," he said. Mr Amareh believes there

is a chance the two could have acted independently of Hamas — anyone can make a bomb. "What counts is the decision to make a bomb. The rest is detail," he said. "If you have the determination and the motive, you can do it — and there is no shortage of

## as Hamas takes revenge

THE bomb blast in Tel Aviv yesterday was the fourth attack on israelis since Yahya Ayyash, the Hamas master bombmaker known as "The Engineer", was killed in Jan-uary. Hamas, the Islamic mil-itant group. blamed Israel for his death and vowed revenge. The following are details of Hamas so far this year.

January 5: Ayyash was killed when a booby-trapped mobile phone exploded in his hands in Gaza, Palestinlans blamed Israel, which declined to take

Islamic bombers killed 26 people in separate attacks in Jerusalem and the southern Israeli town of Ashkelon. bombings were in

revenge for the killing of Ayyash February 26: Ahmed Abdel Hamideh, an Arab-American, rammed his car into a queue at ; Jerusalem bus stoo. killing one woman and injuring 22. He was shot dead by armed | civillans. Hamas said the attack was to avenge the death of the Palestinian militant Fathi Shqaq secret service agents of killing

February 29: Hamas and its military wing, Izedeen al-Oassam, issued a statement offering to halt attacks against Israeli civilians in exchange for prisoner release.

March I: Ehud Barak, the Israeli foreign minister, ruled out negotiations with Hamas.

March 3: A bomb blast in a bus in Jerusalem killed 18 people and the suicide bomber. The attack occurred on the same route as -- and one week almost to the minute after — the bomb attack the previous

March 4: A bomb in a busy shopping street in central Tel Aviv, apparently caused by a suicide bomber, killed at least 12 people and wounded about 100 people, some criticially. The Israeli cabinet met in emergency session last night. - Reuter.

## No end to cycle of bloodshed A silent city's heart stops beating

Shocked and grieving, people in Jerusalem on those buses, and in Tel Aviv as well."

There was little sign of are urging Palestinians to make a stand against violence, **Derek Brown** writes

V night in Jerusalem's Zion Square, barely a hundred yards from the spot where 19 people were smashed and torn to death by a bomb in a commuter bus on Sunday morning.
But last night's candles
were brand new. "They are
not for the bus. They are
for Dizengoff [the Tel Aviv

shopping centre where yes terday's bomb exploded], young man said quietly. He was one of a small group of young members of the opposition Likud party. subdued and polite, who had gathered to mark yet

"I don't know what I think about it," said Karen, who looked about 16, as she shielded the candles from and everything is so ordi-

EMORIAL candles it until I know my friends were burning last in Tel Aviv are safe." was a Hebrew sticker. "It says there is no security

now," Karen said. Zion Square is the heart of West Jerusalem, and last night it was scarcely beat-ing. In the Ben Yehuda pedestrian shopping street to the west, and in the warren of alleyways to the south, there was none of the usual

tourist bustle. In a dozen bars, a thin scattering of customers stared silently at television screens showing images of death and destruction.

"I'm not really fright writer pointed out, in yes-ened, but I think I ought to terday's Ma'ariv daily. Isbe," said Rachel, a young visitor from the United

anger on the streets last night, though that could change at a moment's

"I don't hate the Palestinians. I bate the Hamas," said a burly man, brusquely shushing his companion who was growling angrily in Hebrew.

A middle-aged woman, close to tears, asked: Where are they, these peace-loving Palestinians? Where are their protests

and their condemnations?" It is a bitter question and a valid one. As at least one rael has always had a vocal peace movement, ready to condemn and protest. Hun-

Some Palestinians agree, with more than a little shame. "The Israeli people notice. In Tel Aviv they were shouting "Death to Arabs", just as they did in Jerusalem a day earlier. But in Zion Square the mood was a leaden mix of grief and shock.
"I don't hete the Palestinian people do again for peace rallies. But the Palestinian people do nothing." said Nihaya, a freelance journalist.

"We have to pay for this peace. We cannot get everything and do nothing. The Palestinians don't understand the mentality of the Israelis. We are getting back our land without offering any assurances of stability. Unless we stand up against these [Hamas] people, the Israelis will never understand that we

also want peace. "More than 70 per cent of the Palestinians voted in the elections which were part of the peace process. shielded the candles from and everything is so ordi-the breeze with a makeshift nary. But I know at the poster. "I can't think about same time it felt that way their country's role in the

## Catalonia offers no homage to Aznar

José Maria Aznar: putting on a brave face

John Hooper and Adela Gooch in Madrid

HE winner of Spain's general election yes-terday had a first taste of the problems he will face in forming a gov-eroment when the Catalan nationalists who now hold the balance of power declared they would deny him support. José Maris Aznar, leader of the conservative Popular Party (PP), admitted: "The situation is difficult," but added, "I will do everything in my power to

get a stable government."
The Socialist prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, last night made it clear he was ready to step into the breach should Mr Aznar fail. Mr Gonzalez said it would be difficult — but not impossible — to reach an understanding with the communist-led United Left.

had won 49 per cent of the vote, compared with only 39 per cent for the PP and its closest allies.

As analysts speculated about a possible "Italianisa-tion" of Spanish politics, the country's stock exchanges were being rocked by some of their biggest-ever losses. The Madrid Bolsa's general index plunged 16.84 points to end the day almost 5 per cent lower. Basque terrorists were quick to exploit the prospert

of instability. An officer of the

basque country's regional police force died after a bomb planted under his car exploded in the town of Irun near the French border. Final results from Sunday's poll showed the PP had won only 156 seats in the key, lower house of the Cortes (parliament). There are 350

places in the Congress of Dep-

Herri Batasuna

to represent Herri Batasuna, the electoral front of the Basque separatist organisa-tion ETA, are not expected to take their seats.

Mr Aznar could enjoy an outright majority with the support of the two-party Cata-

lan nationalist alliance,

Convergence and Union, and

uties, but two deputies chosen

the centre-right Canary Islands Coalition (CC).
A prominent CC official

But one of the leaders of the Catalan alliance. Pere Esteve. said he could not even forese negotiations with the PP.

"At the moment we do not see a dialogue with the PP as possible, because for many months and on many occasions we have repeated that the views of the PP with ceptable," Mr Esteve said. Last night, Catalan nation-

alist sources said Conver-gence and Union would propose to the Socialists that both groups abstain when Mr to the Socialists that Aznar seeks a vote of confi-dence in parliament.

Union is to the right of the centre, its hopes of a quasiederal Spain clash with the PP's traditional centralism.

Under the Spanish constitu-tion, if the prime minister

a deal with the conservatives. | lute majority in parliament at the first try, he can make a further attempt within two days. At the second try, he needs only to secure more Yes

votes than No votes. However, there is some doubt as to whether Mr Aznau can achieve even that. If Convergence and Union were to abstain, and the left were to ote solidly against him, the eft could force a draw with the PP and its natural allies at

In Andalusia - which held regional elections on Sunday the Socialists, who has stronghold, were overjoyed to

have defied the forecasters. "We have turned the polls on their heads." supporters chanted as the regional pre-mier, Manuel Chaves, arrived for a victory party in Seville.



Pilgrims' progress . . . Thousands of Muslims return home on a crowded train crossing a bridge at Gazipur, near Dhaka, yesterday after an Islamic festival PHOTOGRAPH PAVEL RAHMAN

## Photographer to face charges as Serbs retaliate

A Muslim news agency man is being held in a windowless freight container, writes Julian Borger in Sarajevo

thorities said yester-day they would prosecute a Muslim press photographer in apparent retaliation for the indict-ment of a Serb general by the UN war crimes

flidajet Delic, a photographer for Associated Press and the Bosnian state press agency, has been held for three weeks in a window-

THE Bosnian Serb au-thorities said yester-day they would prose-e a Muslim press and rebel-controlled sectors of Sarajevo.

International monitors who have visited Mr Delic say he is in solitary confinement and has been threatened with execution. Alexander Ivanko, a spokesman for the UN International Police Task Force, said the Serb au-

the Bosnian army, and "ordering the murder of a Serb" in 1992. The photographer's colleagues de-

scribed the charges yester-day as "preposterous".

The charges were made two days after the Hague tribunal's indictment of General Djordje Djukic for his role as quartermaster in the Bosnian Serb army during the 43-month siege and bombardment of Saratevo.

Gen Djukic denied the charges yesterday, but has refused to answer prosecutors' questions. Dressed in a white shirt, beige sweater thorities had charged Mr and jeans, he told the

that I appear in front of this tribunal means that Djukic was arrested and exany officer of the army of the Serb Republic, or any civilian that happened to be in the war, could end up

there. Nato officials in Sarajevo said yesterday that General Djukic's indictment did not appear to have affected relations with the Bosnian Serbs, but sources in Pale said yesterday that senior Serb officers would now hold meetings with Nato and government officials only on territory under

their control. The Serb army temporartion Force (I-For) after Gen

Nato escort on February 12 International monitors who visited Mr Delic last week reported said he gave the impression of a person not having slept for a long time. His hands were shaking, his face was unshaven and of a grey colour, be-yond normal. He was nervous and often near to

The report said that Mr Delic was being held in a shipping container near the nian Serb leadership. The container is said to have an

electric heater, but remains "very cold". A UN official described his condition as

'outrageous". The office of the international community's High Representative for Bosnia, Carl Bildt, has demanded Mr Delic's immediate

 The former Krajina Serb leader Milan Martic yester-day defended his decision to order rocket attacks on Zagreb last year and said be would do it again. The UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague indicted Martic last July for ordering attacks that killed seven

people and wounded hun-dreds of others.

## **US gives Europe share** in Nato military power

John Palmer in Brussels

HE United States is military firepower under an agreement which will allow its European allies to run their own peacemaking and

The accord signals Washington's readiness to let Nato's European members take greater responsibility for peacekeeping in the region and increases their leadership role in the alliance.

Under the agreement, air support, satellite intelligence and up to 70,000 combat troops including American technical experts can be made available for operations run by the Western European Union (WEU) and commanded by European generals. Throughout Nato's history, the US has provided its supreme military commander and insisted on direct control

The deal comes in the runup to the European Union's US will allow Nato facilities

Santa and the

treaty later this month. This will debate what role, if any, the EU should have in secuready to relinquish its rity and defence, and whether direct control of Nato's the WEU should eventually be the WEU should eventually be

incorporated into the EU. At present the European Commission and the other EU institutions have no say in WEU decisions, a policy which Britain is determined must continue. France, Germany and other EU countries want to bring the two bodies closer together and eventually unite them in a commo European defence linked to a reformed Nato.

Washington's backing for the agreement follows France's decision last year to work more closely with Nato's integrated military command. In future European se-curity missions, Nato troops could fight alongside the

Eurocorps — which Paris sees as the embryo of a European army and which already has French, German, Belgian and Spanish units.

In a further concession, the

missions run by purely national European headquar-ters. The European allies will have to seek Nato approval for all military operations involving alliance resources. "This agreement was made

possible once the Americans accepted that France was not trying to push them out of Europe by building a so-called European defence identity," a Nato source said yesterday. "We now have to agree on a range of other matters, including what precise role France will play in Nato's integrated military command and also its nuclear planning group."
The Nato secretary-general,

Javier Solana, hopes a comprehensive agreement on the alliance's longer term role will be unveiled by Nato foreign ministers in Berlin in June. Preparations for the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland to join Nato will resume after the Russian presidential election. They may be invited to join at the next Nato

## Social democrats put price on their support for euro

lan Traynor in Berlin and Paul Webster in Paris

PPOSITION social dem Ocrats in Germany and France are demanding Europe-wide policies on job creation, minimum wages and shorter working hours as the price of their support for a single currency and reform of the Maastricht treaty.

Staking out their positions before the conference of European Union governments later this month that is to chart the EU's future shape and powers, France's Socialist leaders urged at the weekend that a new social charter be aunched along with the single currency, while Germany's Social Democrats and trade union leaders called for a

European "alliance for jobs". The German opposition declared that harmonised employment, economic, and fi-nancial policies should be bindingly enshrined in the Maastricht treaty. It also called for uniform immigra-

the EU to regulate labour where Chancellor Helmut markets, and for European Kohl — with a slim 10-seat guidelines on repatriating heaper foreign labour. "The same wages for the same work in the same place," had to be the governing principle across the EU.

A meeting of the French Socialists' national council heard several leading politicians demand that the single currency, scheduled for launch at the beginning of 1999, be accompanied by

parallel social guarantees.
Lionel Jospin, the French
Socialists' leader, said his party was in favour of the single currency. But many of the most influential leaders, who could return to govern ment after elections in 1998. said that Mr Jospin's call for social guarantees should be strengthened into an irreversible condition of French support for economic and mone

tary union (EMU).

The German opposition controls the upper house in Bonn and could also block tion legislation throughout treaty in the lower house

majority - is well short of the two-thirds needed for legislative changes ceding powers to the EU.

Three crucial state polls later this month could determine the German opposition's policy on Europe. In the southern state of Baden-Württemberg, the Social Demo-crats (SPD) are running on an explicitly anti-EMU ticket. This is seen by many as a trial for the next scheduled elections in 1998, only months before the single currency is due to be launched.

While EU-wide unemployment figures of more than 20 million form the context for the Social Democrats' arguments, senior trade union officials say the latest jobless figures in Germany, issued tomorrow, could be as high as 4.3 million.

The German opposition is arguing for investment and higher energy taxes, while the French Socialists are to issue a European policy manifesto later this month.

#### **News** in brief

#### Fraud trial raises Whitewater spectre

THE trial that could define the political impact of the Whitewater investigation on the president began yesterday The investigation centres on whether Mr Clinton, his wife Hillary, or their associates improperly handled investment in a property development while Mr Clinton was governor of

Fifty-six potential jurors were brought into court yesterday to start preliminary questioning in the federal fraud and con-spiracy trial of Jim Guy Tucker, the governor of Arkansas, and James McDougal and his former wife, Susan McDougal, Mr Clinton's two partners in the deal, Mr Clinton has been subpocnaed to testify, although whether in person, or by satellite or videotape, has yet to be decided.

Convictions would have ramifications far beyond any criminal penalties. Mr Tucker, a Democrat, could be bantshed from the office he, as lieutenant-governor, inherited after Mr Clinton won the presidency. And Mr Clinton's opponents will be watching for any evidence that could hurt him in the November presidential election.

Kenneth Start, the Whitewater prosecutor, alleges the defendants benefited illegally from nearly \$3 million in loans from federally-backed banks. — AP. Little Rock, Arkansas.

#### Vaccines flown in for Nigeria

FOREIGN relief agencies are flying millions of vaccines into northern Nigeria in an effort to contain an outbreak of spined meningitis reported to have claimed thousands of lives, mainly of children. The crisis has been compounded by flare-ups of gastro-enteritis, cholera and measles in the northern state of Kano, home General Sani Abacha, the military dictator.

The authorities have issued conflicting statements about the number of deaths. The military government denied at the weekend an earlier claim by thechukwn Madubuike, the health minister, that 15,000 people have died. The administration said 9,401 people in Kano had contracted spinal meningitis, which causes inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and the spinal cord, Children are particularly vulnerable. So far. 1,273 of those affected have died, the government said.

Twenty million people are estimated to be at risk. The governments and approximately million people are estimated to be at risk.

ment said 8 million have been vaccinated. Médecins Sans Fron-tières is flying in vaccines and health workers: the World Health Organisation and Unicef have been called in. — Chris McGreal.

#### Orthodox schism looms

A CRISIS in relations between the Russian Orthodox establishment and its brother church in Turkey, the Constantinople Patriarchy, will become a permanent schism unless Isranbul gives way, a senior Russian cleric warned yesterday. The hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church temporarily broke off relations last month, euraged by a Constantinople Patriarchy decision to take over from Moscow jurisdiction of the tiny Orthodox Church in Estonia.

Metropolitan Kyrill, the Russian Orthodox cleric with respon sibility for foreign affairs, accused the Constantinople Patriarchy yesterday of lying, of acting at the bidding of the Estonian government, of trespassing on a brother church's canonical terri-

tory and of forcing a schism by supporting defrocked priests. He said Moscow had not been told about the Constantinople decision to displace its jurisdiction and had learned about it from Finnish and Estonian news reports. The Russian hierarchy is concerned that the new leadership of the Estonian Orthodox Church, which is backed and recognised by the Estonian govern-ment, will force worshippers loyal to Moscow to leave places of worship. — James Mack, Moscow.

#### New lounge for French lizards

AFTER the toad crossing and the less successful pelican crossing human beings have dreamt up a new road safety device for animals: the lizard lounge. Concerned at the environmental impact of upgrading a five-mile stretch of road near Strasbourg. eastern France, a local authority has spent £6,700 on 10 mini-patios for lizards. They are intended to satisfy the reptiles'

The inventor of the roadside lizard lounge, Gerard Baumgart, who also brought the crapauduc (toed crossing) to France, real ised it would have to combine the advantages of a beach resort with the snugness of a compost heap. What emerged was a 2ft earthenware platform on a sheet of porphyty rock. "The earthenware retains the heat better than asphalt — which is important to keep the lizards off the road — and we have noticed that our lizards like porphyry rock," he said. — Alex Duval Smuh. Puris.

#### PM warns Australian unions

JOHN Howard, Australia's prime minister-elect, yesterday warned the trade unions that he had been given an emphatic and unambiguous mandate to change the country after 13 years of

The Liberal leader, buoyed by his landslide victory over Paul Keating at the seekend, said the new government's first action would be industrial relations reform. He also said helping small business and reducing youth unemployment would be at the top of his agenda after he is sworn in on Friday.

While Mr Howard said he would continue the former government's programme of reconciliation with the Aborigines, there was little mention of the move into Asia and of republicanism.

His first battle with the unions is already brewing over plans to privatise one-third of the telecommunications giant Teletra to pay for his environmental package. — Christopher Zinn, Sydney.

#### SA massacre trial opens



SOUTH Africa's former defence minister, Magnus Malan leaves Durban's Supreme Court yesterday, where he and 19 other defendants face murder charges in connection with the 1987 massacre of 13 blacks in Natal during a bungled attempt to kill an ANC activist.

The killers are alleged to have been trained by South African military intelligence in a project overseen by General Malan and other senior military officers during the apartheid era. Six of the alleged assassins are among the accused, as well as inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's former secretary. M. Z. Khumalo. who is alleged to have been the link with the South African Defence Force.

After less than an hour, the hearing was postponed for a week to allow the seven defence teams more time to study new conspiracy charges. Demonstrators chanted outside.

Meanwhile, President Nelson Mandela's office announced he will undergo three days of comprehensive but "routine" medical tests this week. - David Beresford, Johanneshurg.



Now Sharon Stone wants to be a daunting combination of serious artist, businesswoman and Hollywood power broker. There's no doubt she has the willpower and the grasp of strategic planning to pull it off.

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## **Breathing fire at China**

Now Mr Major will have to keep his promises

for it. His new commitment only confers a change in status to a tiny minority - 7,000 or so out of a population of 6.3 million. But Mr Major's tone was a welcome change from the perfunctory one which Hong Kong has too often had to endure from British cabinet ministers. And with just 16 months to go, he has signalled a British resolve though still to be tested in practice

not to wash its hands entirely. Mr Major's pledge to make visa-free travel to Britain possible for all Hong Kongers (not just those holding restricted British passports) means merely that they will have the right to visit, not to stay. But it should encourage other countries to allow similar entry for the three million or more who will hold new Special Administrative Region of China passports. It could also imply that, if affairs go badly wrong, Hong Kongers who fear political persecution may more easily get on a plane to Britain and seek refuge in the country which holds historical respon-sibility for their plight. Mr Major has also provided what he calls a "cast-iron guarantee" to the 7,000 among Hong Kong's ethnic minorities, mostly from the sub-continent, who will become stateless next year. His pledge to allow them to come to Britain if they have a "well-founded fear" that they must leave Hong Kong is firmer than previous assurances. It still falls short of the solution demanded by natural justice to give proper passports to this small number marooned by the handover. These have only been promised to the 50 or so war widows whose case had been denied with quite astounding meanness up till now.

There are still good reasons for the Kong democrats. The possibility of the | will now have to live up to.

HONG KONG heard some mildly good | visa-free concession had been talked news from John Major yesterday, down determinedly in recent weeks by though it has had to wait long enough Whitehall. This reflected in part a hideneither Britain nor the world will understand if the Council's life were to

be "cut in half in 1997". It may be recalled that Mr Major while visiting Beijing in 1991 overruled his officials' reluctance to enquire into Chinese human rights abuses. Yesterday he again appeared to assert a higher moral position: Hong Kong, he said "will not walk alone" after 1997. If these are not just empty words, they

bound intransigence in the Home Office apparently only overcome at the cabinet level last week. But it also enabled the gesture when it was finally made to seem that much more gener-ous. Mr Major denies that he "agreed to disagree" with the Chinese premier Li Peng when they met at the Asian summit in Bangkok. The fact remains that Britain has not been making loud noises about Beijing's determination to disband the current Legislative Council and its ambiguous attitude on several human rights issues. On the contrary, there has been a perceptible shift, signalled by British diplomats and some ministers (particularly Michael Heseltine) over the past year towards putting Britain's post-1997 relations with China well ahead of the problems of Hong Kong. Some of Mr Major's remarks yesterday suggest a degree of greater resolve. He said that Britain would pursue "every legal and other avenue available" if the 1984 Sino-British Declaration were breached in any way. There is the difficulty that even the dismantling of the Council is not clearly in breach of an agreement negotiated at a time when Britain was largely uninterested in promoting democratic reform. But protest should not be inhibited by this. As Mr Major said,

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scepticism shown yesterday by Hong | mean a real commitment which Britain

## The monarchy's future: discuss

Why can't politicians debate what everyone is talking about?

Labour Party, as a party of reform and potentially a party of government, found a way of giving a grown-up voice to the swelling popular debate on the issue. Labour is already committed to major constitutional change. It demands, rightly, to be taken seriously on the subject and will devote a substantial part of its programme to it. But Labour cannot do that effectively if it gags discussion on the institution which holds the whole British constitu-

Professional politicians are inevitably scared of this debate. They think it attracts madcaps and does nothing but damage. This is not only true of Labour. It is also true of the Conservatives, whose institutional radicalism has always stopped short of the monarchy, and of the Liberal Democrats. whose leaders were petrified of a debate on the subject at a party conference two years ago. Professional political instincts, which are invariably conservative, tell politicians of all parties that real people are either not interested or are opposed to change. They fear that any party which gets itself into this debate will only lose. They will be accused of being loony. They are afraid that the wild words of a maverick will be used to tar the party as a whole. They see the party of the status quo having a field day.

BRITISH politics is not very good at | The trouble with refusing to take part debating the monarchy, partly because | in a debate is that people assume you it has so little practice, but it is time have nothing to say or something to that it tried harder and did the job hide. You also leave the field open to better. In particular it is time that the those who will not stay silent. Ron Davies may not have made the most relevant remarks on the subject at the weekend. But they were picked up because they were moderately interesting and because everybody knows that Labour is embarrassed by the monarchy debate. Inevitably, the issue has become a virility test between Tony Blair's disciplined caution and the frustration of some of his more independent backbenchers. A silly and avoidable situation.

There is a real debate to be be held about the monarchy. Is it too powerful? Is it too expensive? Is it too much of an anachronism? Should it exist at all? And what are the alternatives? This conversation - or a debased and personalised version of it — is taking place endlessly in almost every home in the country, probably including Mr Blair's own. The monarchy is one of the great pieces of unresolved business in our society. Yet parties and parliament are utterly hopeless about reflecting it. There is no formal or legal bar on MPs discussing the monarchy, as the Speaker made clear in the Commons yesterday. There is only a political cultural cringe. The politicians have nothing to fear but themselves. A party which prides itself on its maturity should open up the debate, not try absurdly to shut it down.

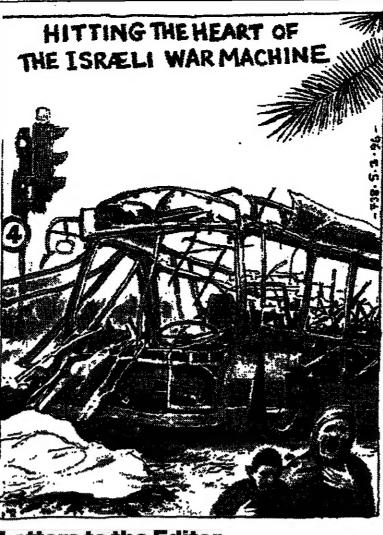
#### Pride and prejudice in the services

The military should integrate before Europe forces them to

ers would have moved long ago. British armed services are not just racist — as a leak from a two-year investigation by the Commission for Racial Equality confirmed yesterday but far more prejudiced about homosexuals than the public. People who doubt the racism should read our feature in today's G2 section and the sickening abuse which black recruits can suffer. People who doubt the services' homophobia should read the 400-page survey of military personnel attitudes published yesterday. An intelligently led military might pause for thought about the dangers of setting themselves apart there was no such leadership yesterday. Instead, even the Defence Secretary was ready to be led from the rear. Michael Portillo declared the controversial ban on homosexuals in the once the European courts rule.

N any other public service, the lead- | armed services would continue. And, as though this was explanation enough, he said the ban was supported by the vast majority of service staff.

All armed services run the risk of becoming "a nation within a nation". That is what has happened with the British armed services. In H.G. Wells's celebrated phrase, they have been "sheltered from thought". What they see as common sense, the public regards as common prejudices. A recent Guardian/ICM poll showed that while a majority still regard sex between people of the same gender as wrong, there is widespread support for the principle that "declared" homosexfrom the social and moral values of the uals should be able to work in the society they are supposed to defend. But | armed forces — and the church, police, schools and Parliament too. International law follows the same line. Most Western allies have already integrated lesbian and gay service staff. So will we





#### Letters to the Editor

WHAT an infelligent sug-gestion from Paul Flynn (Letters. March 4) and my own MP Ron Davies! Have I missed something — has the election taken place or was it Australia? Ron Davies should have been at the Caerphilly County Borough Council (the new unitary authority which is in his constituency) last week when, in addition to raising the council tax we were forced to cut back ser-vices in education and introluce charges for services to the elderly. I'm sure the same thing happened in Paul

Flynn's local authority. We can do without little Neros content to fiddle while the lives of those they are sup-posed to represent become more and more miserable. (Clir: David Fowler. 27 Mountain Road.

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MICHAEL Portillo argues that because most Brit-ish soldiers support a ban on gays in the military, this should continue to be govern-ment policy (Soldiers back gay ban, says Portillo, March A report showing endemic racism in the military has just landed on his desk. Is he going to adopt the same ap-

Durham DH1. ANICE try by Marc Loewenthal (Latters, March 1) but the linguistic ar gument on the gender of God swings the other way. To theion was used by Paul (not John) addressing people in Athens used to having male and female deities. In the next verse (Arts 17:30) it's the (masculine) *Theos* who "overlooked the time of ignorance." So too in Romans 1:20 Paul speaks of "his (God's) deity"

nine), John refers to the Spirit (neuter) as "he." These prove more the personality of God rather than his gender. Apart from the "female" images of God in the Bible. such as the mother hen, and God as "wisdom" (she), the crucial passage for not getting too worked up about a woman portraying God is of course Genesis 1:27 where God cre ates man in his own image -"male and female created he them" (le male and female both in his image.

where deity is theiotes (femi-

Warrington WEA2 7QG. SEE that Sky Sports latest competition prize is a signed England cricket shirt. I trust that it comes with a guarantee that it will not fall apart at the seams the first time it is worn. Kevin Sims. 155 Ratcliffe Drive.

(Rev) S Parish.

Bristol BS12 6TZ. Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed etters, and a telephone number We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we canno cknowledge those not used.

## Hard cheese in Caerphilly A varied selection

tem (Look, listen, learn, March 2) he states: "Even the National Commission on Education remained silent on the question [of private schools]." While the Commission did not make recommendations on their future status, it did insist that the national curriculum be made compulsory for independent schools.
Of the seven goals forward-

ed in Learning to Succeed one in particular (overlooked by Mr Hutton) impacted upon both public and private schools. It said: "There must be courses and qualifications that bring out the best in every pupil." which meant that there be introduced a fifth stage in the curriculum (Key Stage 5).

The Commission argued

for a General Education Diploma (GED) at Key Stages 4 and 5, as a means of redress-ing some of the imbalances between the more and less able, between the vocational and academic, and between the public and private sector in education.

If such a GED were estab-

the private education sector would be obliged to offer modules within the award. (Former Research Officer, National Commission on Education),

Boning up on tribal history

OHN Ryle is wrong to lomatic bag to Dar-es-Salaam think that concern with it was restored to the Hehe on the bones of the tribally im-

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lished as a statutory award,

N WILL Hutton's excellent exposition on the shape of to say that "...the real years of so, such as the spread the British education systim of differing intellectual of comprehensives. capacity has to be recognised" but he avoids discussing this in relation to primary schools. The streaming of children into ability groups is not an impossible task in secondary schools but state primary schools not only lack the physical resources but also the motivation since the concept of constitution for the concept of constitution for the concept of constitution since the concept of constitution for the concept of the concept equality of opportunity is far nearer the surface in these early years of education. As parents well know, differing abilities manifest themselves in children at an amazingly early stage, demanding a much more useful response than the exercising of "choice" which in many cases consists of moving children to

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other schools.

OW disappointing that someone as astute as Will Huiton should fall for the great metromedia myth: that there is a comprehensive withdrawal of the middle class from the state system. The myth is exposed by asking just two questions about the pro-portion of children in nonstate schools as quoted by Hut-

 Is this a recent development? The figure has remained much the same for

ourful mausoleum outside the

N addition to the £5.70m

handout from the public purse, one could consider the

unseen millions paid by indi-viduals living along the route

(The great railway give-away March 1). We have either had

to sell our homes at knockdown prices or accept unsale-able properties, effectively

supporting the rail-link out of our own pockets. And the

compensation on offer: double-glazing in the next

town of Iringa.

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Rail wail

● Is a mere 8 per cent of the population middle class? Five times that would be a conservative estimate for modern Britain. That means that at east four-fifths of middle-class children attend state schools. The great majority of these go to LEA comprehensives. LEA comprehensives are

the preferred option of the vast majority of parents. All that most of them demand—quite rightly—is that they be able to choose among variously good schools those they think best for their children. (Dr) Lawrence Silverman. Joint Leader, Berkshire County Council, Shire Hall, Shirfield Park, Reading, Berks RG2 9XA.

ALL educational structures are a form of social engineering, the trick is to find the one which best meets the needs of society. If you want parity of esteem for academic and wantional qualifications parity of esteem for academic and vocational qualifications you will not achieve it by re-introducing schools which select their pupils on aca-demic grounds, even if you leave selection until 14 If you want co-operation in the work-place, you will not achieve it if the managers and the man-aged have attended separate schools. This is a major cause

of the state we're in. Kathy Fletcher. fore be due to anything that | Coventry CV5 6AT.

#### In defence

ARTIN Butcher is a bit hard on Will Hutton (Letters. March 2). Surely the Franco-German axis does envisage the EU as an eventual superpower — not just eco-nomically, but military, too. The debate about "defence sufficiency" and "non-offensive defence" always was rather fatuous. Given certain strategic realities — the proliferation of missile technology, the general nature of modern military operations and the ongoing enlargement of the EU itself, to name but three — It was restored to the Hehe on June 19, 1954 and now rests, in perspex, in a curious if colthese are increasingly redun-

dant concepts.
Distinctions between "defensive" and "offensive" strategies have rarely proved per-suasive, and Martin Butcher fails to see that "power-projec-tion" missions, for instance, can be portrayed as being in accordance with either. (Dr) David Gates nior Fellow, Centre for Defence and International Security Studies, Lancaster University.

#### We've got the key to housing

YOUR leader (March 1) on Brighton's — and Brit-ain's — first squatting estate agency is not simply naive but massively unfair to Brighton Council and its housing policies. Let's look at the issues. That empty properties and homeless people should coexist is a scandal. The chronic shortage of affordable, safe housing is a scandal. The Government's proposed deregulation of the housing market is a scandal. The level of knowledge within the system is often pitiful. The level of regulation is worse. You need a licence to run a cattery, but anyone can house human beings. There are properties owned by public and private organisations lying empty. A council survey in 1994 suggested that Brighton had 3,000 empty private dwellings — a 5 per cent vacancy rate which is in tine with national figures.
That's 3.000 potential homes
— and that's why we've set
about filling them.

Brighton Council's Empty Properties Strategy is proba-bly the most advanced in the country. We have to date brought some 500 empty prop-erties back into use for people in housing need. We have done this in partnership with housing associations through

including Large scale leasing agreements with private sector

 Filling empty flats over Deposit guarantee and rent-in-advance schemes, in-cluding offers to single people and couples without children who would not be in our "priority need" category;
Short-life leases, including

supported accommodation for vulnerable young women; Using Single Regeneration Bid funds to redevelop a street of long-term empty and hard to let properties in cen-tral Brighton and

• The unique "Empty Properties Grant" scheme to assist owners to bring properties back to proper standards. We are currently renovating a town-centre property which has been empty since just be-fore the second world war. Squatting agencies, with all the risk, danger and illegality are not the answer. Putting possibly vulnerable people into potentially dangerous properties is not the answer. Effective and controlled local

authority intervention in the failed areas of the private sec-tor is the way ahead. (Cllr) Steve Bassam. Leader, Brighton Council. Longstone, 25 Church Place, Brighton BN2 5JN.

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A Country Diary

CHESHIRE: The change from | of the first spring flowers. the blizzards and bitter Arctic Still hugging the ground winds of recent weeks to a few days of much milder temperatures was all that was needed to encourage some birds to break out into their olics to break out into meir spring songs and calls. The chaffinch is usually amongst the earliest to respond to approaching change in the seasons, and the brightly-plument of the care o aged male perched on the lowest branch of a Scots pine at the edge of the southern woods was singing his heart out. I could hear two more in song deeper into the wood who were in time joined by some weeks yet to build up this was the advance party. along with the young leaves

were broad patches of the small heart-shaped leaves of lesser celandine and dog-vio-let, whilst in the wetter areas of the alder carr, the thick hollow stems of marsh marigold were several inches above the water with glossy, dark green kidney-shaped leaves reflecting the bright light. Hidden away against the trunk of an alder, the purple crocus was already in flower, the marked contrast between orange styles and rich purple petals being clearly visible. On the river, blackbird, song and mistle one of the wintering little thrush, wren and greenfinch grebes was in full breeding but this was not the full plumage, its neck cheeks and spring chorus, that will take throat being glossy chestnut, with a white patch at the base of its bill. As the hours The wood was beginning to of daylight steadily increase, come to life again, a fresh the woodland will be transgreen carpet was gradually emerging under the trees with the appearance of the first shoots of new grass, along with the vound leaves the woodland will be transformed over the coming weeks, and the first summer migrant could have arrived before the end of the month. J M THOMPSON

## cepted by Tanganyika's then Speaker, Chief Adam Supi, and passed across our desks in the Colonial Office via dipLondon N1 4RL. Susan Sontag retrospective is out of focus

portant is recent (Friday

Review, March 1). In 1898, Sultan Mkwawa of the Hehe

tribe in what is now Tanzania was killed by the Germans

after seven years' resistance to their rule. His head had a

price on it and was removed

the skull then being sent to

Germany.

The Hehe believed that until it was returned, they

would never prosper again, and succeeded in getting a clause in Article 246 of the

Treaty of Versailles to this effect. But in the turmoil of 1918

it could not be found.

After the second world war,

Governor Twining of Tangan-

vika visited Bremen, where a

skull was found with the right cephalic index and an appro-

priate bullet hole. It was ac-

Susan Sontag, but I feel her paean to the "lost" glories of cinema (100 Years of Cinema. March 2) cannot go unqualified. It is a pity that what began as a celebration of the unique power of film should descend into an inaccurate exercise in nostalgia for nostalgia's sake. For example, Ms Sontag informs us that "all films of the silent era ... are on a very high artistic level, compared with most of what was to follow" (So Rescued By Rover is, by definition, a more

T IS with some hesitation kovsky's The Sacrifice, which that I write to criticise so eminent a cultural observer as her article Ms Sontag considwe know from elsewhere in her article Ms Sontag consid-ers to have been a "disaster"). Or, "only in France were a large number of superb films produced throughout" the period from 1930 to 1955. So we can discount Rossellini's masterpieces in Italy in the late 1940s, Ozu's output during much of the period, even modest artistic success in (of all places) Britain like Kind Hearts and Coronets or I Know Where I'm Going? Andrew Cooper. 2 Esher Grove,

THERE is something funda-mentally perverse in Susan Sontag bemoaning cine-ma's demise at a time when films enjoy near-unprecendented acclaim and success at the UK box-office. But then, as her article makes clear, Sontag regards today's moviegoer as beneath contempt. As a 23-year-old film apostle I say to you, lo. the resurrection of the cinema is at hand; it is merely the cine-snob who passeth

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"artistic" film than, say. Tar- Nottingham NG3 5DR.

#### Diary

Matthew Norman

HEN we left Ca-nary Wharf on Thursday evening, my friend Charlie Wilson, acting editor of "the Independent" was in grave peril. He had last been seen heroically running away from his office, at the same time as 100 journalists approached, in the hope of hearing some explanation for the 44 sackings of the previous day. They waited in vain for an hour, until managing editor Colin Hughes arrived from the 20th floor with a message from Gentleman Charlie: he was unavoidably detained. Since then, the fey (and courageous) Glaswe-gian has hewn a hole in that busy diary of his, and will address what staff remain at 2.30pm today. He will need all his fabled rhetorical smoothness, since an industrial action ballot will then be taken. One who will not vote is reporter Ian McKinnon. He was sacked last week - although not, novelly enough, by MD Amanda Platell. When she forgot to send him the buff envelope, it fell to her secretary to give Mr McKin-non the bad news. You couldn't make it up, could you? Then again, knowing a little of Mirror Group Newspapers, perhaps you could.

CORRESPONDENCE concerning handrails electrifies the letters page of transport magazine London Direct. Miss E Hay-ward writes from Romford, calling for handralls to be put on to District line trains, to make it easier for her to get on and off. Meanwhile, in a tough, no non-sense counterstrike, the line's service manager Mal-colm Dean hints at just such an innovation. "The refur-hishment is planned to be complete early next cenreassuring news for Miss Hayward, who tells us she is

Mark Con-

OMORROW, I hope at last to reveal the iden-tity of "the journalist" denounced in Parliament by my friend Peter Bottomley 10 days ago. One man we can eliminate now is the Economist's Adam Raphael, who called me yesterday to say: "It isn't me, although I can understand why everyone thinks it is," he began.
"You see, Bolmondely's
been obsessed with me for years, ever since we disagreed about random breath testing when he was Transport minister." Bolmondely recently addressed Cambridge University's Labour club, said Mr Raphael, whose daugh-ter is a member. "She was surprised enough that a Tory MP was speaking, but even more when he then attacked me for journalistic distortion and general wrong-headedness. She was the only one who had a clue who I was." This was not a one-off. "When she was at St Pauls," Mr Raphael contin-ues, "he spoke there, and spent ages attacking me by name. Isn't it incredible that he should do it twice to eople with not the vaguest

**EANWHILE**, the Sunday Express has news of Bolmondely's wife Virginia. In an article headlined "The right-on members of parliament", the paper reports that the Heritage Secretary
"has worn a badge featuring Jaz from Babylon Zoo to
Cabinet meetings." This oddly girlish side to Mrs Bolmondely is a marvellous detail (where on earth do they get these gems?); but let us pray to God that checked it very thoroughly

Y thanks to Police Magazine for fur-ther reinforcing that profession's burgeon-ing reputation for intelligence and sensitivity. An unnamed officer from North Yorkshire CID got home very late after having a few at a party one night, so the journal reports, and found a sleeping bag on the floor of his bedroom. Taking this to be an intimation from his wife that he would not be welcome in the marinot bloody sleeping in that," picked it up, and threw it into the hall. It was at this point that his wife explained that the sleeping bag contained the eightyear-old daughter of their neighbours, whom she was minding that night.





## Sea-change that signals defeat

Commentary Hugo

Young

LL round the world, the lights are going out. Everywhere you look — sob! sob! the left is in retreat. On Saturday, down went Paul Keating. on Sunday the sainted Felipe. The two most durable pillars of post-socialist world social-ism are gone, or so they say at Conservative Central Office. Tony Blair should take seri-ous discomfort from the defeat of his friend Down Under. Given the neurotic fragility of his optimism, he may do so. For John Major, by contrast, Spain and Australia are beacons to reward his solitary rejection of the pessimism he hears from every member of the Cabinet.

Such analyses are tempting.
They recall the simplicities which persuaded some people that Margaret Thatcher was Ronald Reagan's Baptist, the Marxism, that terminated the project to which both these parties were in theory dediprophet and part-cause of his victory 18 months after hers.

He lost the election, but only

just. Against all the odds, Felipe

González has proved himself an

indestructible force in Spanish

Felipe

HE unexpected out in the hope that a snap elec-come of Sunday's tion yields a better result.

neral election in

Spain shows Felipe

González, the country's Prime Minister of the last 13 years, to be not so

much a political personality

He has become as apparently indestructible as an animated cartoon cat. Flug

him full of bullets, blow him up, drop him over a cliff. And

in the very next frame, he is

back again. He lost, to be sure. But he

lost by so much less than the polls had predicted, after such

a drubbing over the three long years since the last election,

that it turned into a sort of triumph for him. It was cer-tainly one of the few election

nights in history on which the smiles of the vanquished were

wider than those of the victor.

At least 19 seats short of a majority in parliament, his

power as head of a minority or coalition government.

as a political phenomenon.

politics, says John Hooper

The fall of Keating and the deposing of González, however, have a different significance. | cated. Socialism ceased to be lis Australian and Spanish exhaus a different significance. To call them the failure of the left is old politics. For there is no left, and therefore no left to fail. The message, in the lan-guage of the new politics, is not only different. It has much less exuberant potential Keating and González grew

out of a recognisable left, but ended by leading from the centre, They had traditional left alliances, notably with trade mions, but their agenda was driven by reform not ideology, and their economic programmes contained little that was distinctively leftist. González was the agent of reforms that carried a deeply conservative country into the modern world where it had to conpete, the agent also of its conversion into a fully Euro-pean economic power. These were essential tasks. But they did not lead in a direction no other party would have taken. The Australian Labour Party was at the helm for 13 years, González for 14. These years chanced to find parties of the left in power at a time when global forces imposed structural change on all ad-vanced societies. They bridged

Its Australian and Spanish ex-ponents, being in power rather than out of it, adapted more swiftly than some of their contemporaries, notably the British. Like Mitterrand, they were the incumbents when the world changed for the better, the manifest professionals, seasoned by power, to whom the people were happy to entrust the future. In Britain, this role fell to a

party with the opposite inheritance. The status quo is man aged by the old right not the old left British Conservatism was and is, unlike British Labour, ideological. Its intel lectual ground was not whipped from under it, and it whither the transpanish continues, more than Spanish Socialists or Australian Labour, to be a party of ideas. But it too was the incumbent when politics the world over became a test more of profes-sionalism and performance than of global doctrine that anyone deeply cared about.

anyone deeply cared about lncumbency, in other words, is the issue. He who rules, loses. The case against incumbents is not that their ideas are wrong but that they have consider power and at have occupied power and, at some point, have not passed the test. González fell, though not as far as expected, because of unemployment, boredom

further than expected, through boredom and fatigue, though with a lacing of consti-tutional alarm. Major, leading another party of reform, will fall through perceived fatigue and the corruption of oneparty arrogance, not because the people, let alone the Labour Party, fundamentally disagree with what he stands

Some aspects of this sea-change already seem to be de-finable. The laboratory experiments in Spain, Australia and Britain suggest that incumbency makes generous allow-ances. Only after several terms is the penalty exacted. Where ideas have ceased to mark the critical divide, minimal competence may be enough to see off immediate

UT this circumstance also changes the qual-ity of politics. Today's political leaders are seldom men or women whose salient appeal is the unique-ness of their vision. Since they agree about so many of the fundamentals, their claims to change the world have the clatter of hollow brass. Even among British Tories, more Thatcherite than Mrs Thatcher was, decisions that countermand the post-war consensus on either public spending or the scope of wel-fare have seldom been made and, if made, only modestly introduced. Caution predomi-nates, on both sides. Tony Blair's anxiety, in all fields that touch on the economy, to make no promises stems not just from pre-election pru-dence in face of a hostile press but from an awareness that the scope for change is, in fact,

quite small. The politics of excitement, conservatism at work, per-haps for several terms, on be-half of any party that makes an uncorrupted fist of manag-

ing reality.

My thesis is open to disproof — the experiments are not yet conclusive. It could be undermined in the US. There, in 1994, the politics of ideology was resumed with a vengeance, sweeping into power a Congress which believed that school prayer and a balanced budget were the alpha and omega of a politician's pur-pose. Even if the Republicans don't nominate Pat Buchanan the world of Newt Gingrich is what that party will mostly fight for. But just as likely is that, two years after 1994 and for a variety of reasons that go beyond political ideas, Gingri-chism will be rejected by the people in favour of the Presi-dent they know. Which raises agm they know. Which raises another question about the nature of this new, practical, managerial politics. What is the point of party loyalty? How can the weakening of party allegiance be relied on to coexist with the durability of a future Corriler Kesting.

of a future González, Keating or, for that matter, Major? What matters now, how-ever, is that the incumbents' time had come. The people had had enough of one lot, and

wanted to try their luck with another. Behind the rhetoric, they were offered rather little, and perhaps would have been alarmed if they had been. So it was with González and Kesting. It is not hard to see which British leader should fear the

authoritarian right and which has generated a visceral mis-trust of anything remotely connected with it.

had hoped that a defeat on Sunday would usher in a period of self-examination reform and renewal in the PSOE. "We are convinced that Socialist government has exhausted itself in Spain and that a period in opposition would be no bad thing," one told me on the eve of polling.

If the outcome did anyone any good, it was the Basque guerrilla movement ETA. Political instability fits their recently adopted strategy of

Paradoxically, though, it also reinforces the importance of the man who embod-

stabilising influence of its monarchy. For, perhaps the profoundest — and saddest — lesson to be drawn from Sunday's election is that, more than 60 years after their mothere are still "Two Spains" Their inhabitants may no longer be ready to kill one another, but they remain deeply suspicious of, and antagonistic towards, one

another.
The distrustful emotions they share are sometimes spoken of as the "ghosts of the civil war". Aznar and his new Spanish right thought they had laid them to rest. They haven't.

Many honourable socialists

But the conclusion which many of González's less scrupulous lieutenants will draw is that they can get away with anything in government, pro-vided they fight a dirty cam-paign at the end of their term. This time, they used a video associating Aznar with images of dobermann pinschers and atomic bombs.

The foreseeable future is a

frenetic merry-go-round of backstairs negotiation and tute of Directors in Northern parliamentary drama in Ireland. So, he's no Provo.

Which the Socialists can justifiably dream of a prompt ing feature of Britain's parliation being a defining the US, trailed by trade union leaders from Belfast, to campaign against McBride. PAFT is the child of McBride. return to office. In such circumstances, it can be convincingly argued that this is no time to be wrangling over the party's soul

tension, in the Spanish phrase, "like a ring on the

ies Spanish unity: King Juan Carlos. Over the next few weeks, he can be expected to play a key role in finding new formula for government. Never, indeed, since the dark days of the early eighties has his realm seemed so much in need of the unifying.

# in short, comes these days only in ersatz form. The vir-

credited as a leader even be-fore entering office. Unlike the Labour harons lined up behind Wilson, his closest aides — and nearest rivals — will be disenchanted by the result. They will be less inclined than ever to trust the

judgment of their chief. What is more, Aznar, as the leader of a weak government, would not only be at the mercy of the Catalan nationalists, who emerged as the largest regional force, but also on the receiving end of immense pressure to act irre-sponsibly. This is the point at which the situation in Spain starts to have implications for

In the meantime, a variety of forces will be at work which will be had for the right, had for the left, and had

for Spain's European

Aznar himself has been dis-

majorny in parliament, his conservative opponent, José the rest of us.

Maria Aznar, has been put in a very difficult position. His first task will be to try to stitch together a deal with the smaller regional and nationalist parties to get himself into way for him to do so is by proving a property of chronical starts to have implications for the rest of us.

If he opts for a snap election, he has to be sure of winning it outright. There are bound to be lagos ready to whisper in his ear that the start of the rest of us. means of giveaway economics. With the Maastricht pro-That, in itself, will not be easy given the mistrust among nationalists of the traditionally centralist right, not to mention the right's mis-

trust of the nationalists. If Sunday's result was bad however, he succeeds, Azuar's best bet will be to do what Harold Wilson did in 1964; survive for a few months

Socialist Workers' Party | war" against Basque terror-(PSOE) back into the decent, | ism that led to the deaths of (PSOE) back into the decent, honest, idealistic party it

once was. Spain under González has generated sleaze on a scale and at a rate which is awesome to consider. A vast body of evidence has been amassed to suggest the PSOE was up to its neck in illegal financing, and a prodigious volume of commission-taking and influence peddling. The man Gonzâlez put in charge of state security is on bail, accused of mounting a bungled "dirty

several innocent victims. The man González put in charge of the 70,000 members of the paramilitary Civil Guard is in gaol, accused of helping him-self to well over £10 million before fleeing ignominiously to south east Asia.

A number of factors, uncon-nected with the PSOE, help explain the election outcome One is Aznar's lack of per sonal magnetism. Another is a recent history that includes 37 years of dictatorship by the

given you too little. Perhaps | Israel will go on living by its Oslo commitments while you Palestinians pay us with postdated cheques, claiming that it is too hard for you to cancel the covenant, too hard to fight with Hamas, too hard to change the contents of antisemitic school textbooks, too hard to isolate your fanatics.

just your strength which must be put to the test now. It is, first and foremost, your

If you and your friends remain quiet now, if you make do with mumbling, halfhearted condemnations and offering private condolences over the phone to your Israeli friends, Osio might soon become a missed window of op-portunity. If this happens, it will fulfil the dark visions of your engineer and our doctor: Goldstein and Ayash still threaten to return hand in

## tues in demand are not brilliance of either mind or rhetoric, but the mechanical skills of electronic presentation. This is the era, above all, of the manager. It goes with the end of anything that could justly be called the left. It is Irish hospitals



NCE the stalling of the peace process in Ire-land, the Government, almost unnoticed, has been attempting to wield an economic axe which could pauperise West Belfast, already home to the city's dispossessed. Downing Street's insentions have been treational bare been treational to the country of the tentions have been rumbled by a man who might have been expected to keep his own counsel as well as the Government's secrets. Sir George Quigley is a

mandarin. An impecable, amiable lieutenant of North-ern Ireland's establishment, a scholar, a banker and businessman, and for most of his professional life a top civil servant.
He was the founding chair-

man of the Royal Group Hos-pital Trust in Belfast — until he resigned in December in protest against the Govern-ment's interference in the internal market. A bitter con-flict between Sir George and the Department of Health arose over its direct and disarose over its direct and dis-criminatory destruction of the Royal and preferential treatment of the City Hospi-tal, in a predominantly Prot-

The Government is imposing new pricing arrange-ments which would make it provide the services planned for the next year to not only the Catholic Falls, but the Protestant Shankhill area and

Protestant Shankhill area and north Belfast, too.

There is "a distinct possibility that patient care could be jeopardised. That is our worry. The problem is very serious," said Sir George. He would have had to "agree to wholly unrealistic prices and try to turn the place unside try to turn the place upside down to achieve them." He refused and resigned.

Sir George is a member of the board of National Westminster Bank, chairman of the Ulster Bank, director of Shorts, chairman of the Insti-

Royal Group nor West Belfast have any champions in Her Majesty's Opposition. And so, the protest has fallen to Sir George, the public service union Unison and community activists in both the Falls and the Shankhill.

On top of the Government's assault on the Royal, the City - which cost taxpayers more and still has three floors empty - faces cuts, too.

and the City to the tests required by its own policy. These tests, known as Policy Appraisal and Fair Treatment guidelines (PAFT), are a farreaching supplement to the Northern Ireland anti-dis-crimination legislation. In Parliamentary circles

PAFT is known as the McCor-mack Amendment after its acknowledged creator, Inez Mc-Cormack, who was introduced to US president Bill Clinton several times last year as "the most important woman in Northern Ireland". McCormack is a trade union leader like no other. She's no baron. She's a self-effacing woman, a poetic polemicist and ruthless organiser who, according to a col-league, has been "crossing no-go areas, boundaries and borders for 25 years." She has built the union from a tiddler to a major mover. Its status has been achieved not by force of numbers but by her quest to transform trade unionism, making it more a community movement re-sourced by the best research available. That is unique in a place given to grandiosity, gut inettingta

sectarianism. The Government clearly hates the equality proofing tests but, in the face of overwhelming evidence of eco-nomic inequality based on religion, was forced to adopt

instincts

gut

ernment has moved from opposition to inertia. In a recent judicial review, one hospital trust was excused from a PAFT challenge on the grounds that the Government had not given it the guidance. The judge expressed concern that government bodies could

EFORE the Troubles twice as many Catholic men as Protestants were unemployed. After 20 years of British rule, the unemployment ratio is still

employment ratio is still about the same.
Nonetheless, 10 years ago, Douglas Hurd designated discrimination "a residual issue". It was that implacable indifference that prompted McCormack to sign up to the McBride Principles, an antidiscrimination declaration adopted by many American investors. The Foreign Office dispatched civil servants to

media both Protestant and Catholic health service workers, often campaigning together, have been involved in an intense round of strikes and legal challenges to the British government, invoking the PAFT guidelines to heal the inequalities between the religions, between men and women, countryside and city that have shaped their

Their issues have shad-Above all, what the Government has failed to do is subject its plans for the Royal figures in the political debate.

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**Amos Oz** pleads for peace in an open letter to a Palestinian friend

## Hand in hand to hell?

SRAEL is our homeland; Palestine is yours. Any one who refuses to live but the essence is clear and uncompromising leaders with these two simple simple: we stop ruling over for many decades cannot be you and suppressing you, and you recognise Israel and stop killing us. But up until now facts is either blind or evil. Two and a half years after signing the Oslo Accords you we have delivered and you haven't Israel is no longer and we have still to agree about the terms of peace. We still have to work hard, negocontrolling the lives of 85 per tiate, persist with some issues, make concessions on some others. But, after three generations of fighting each other, we have at last agreed to start healing the wounds. This is what Yasser Arafat meant when he spoke about the Peace of the Brave. Yitzhak Rabin was a brave nan: he paid with his life for

that he too is a brave man -

or to give his place to some-

cent of the Palestinians in the territories. The Palestinians, for their part, have not stopped killing us. In fact, more Israelis are being killed by Palestinians after the his effort. Shimon Peres is a I know: the injustice, the humiliation, the misery and brave man: both his life and his political future are at stake. Now is the time for Yasser Arafat to demonstrate

yet gone. But then the injus-

undone either. The purpose of peace is not to erase all past sufferings but to prevent further suffering. We must both choose now. My friend, I have not forgot-

agreement than before. The dependent nation, or that symbol of your recognition of problems such as Jerusalem Israel - the cancellation of and the Jewish settlements the Palestinian Covenant calling for our destruction—is anyone amongst you who still delayed.

ten the fact that hundreds of thousands of you are still rotting in miserable refugee camps. Nor am I ignorant of the fact that the Palestinian autonomy is less than an ineverything could have been resolved in two years? Do any

the loss which your people of you really think that you have experienced and for could possibly take without which both your people and mine are responsible, are not without taking? without taking? from behind these new bordelay.

You say that Israel had ders. It is unthinkable that 1:1996 Amos Oz

so. And yet, it is a fact that Rabin's and Peres's Israel has given the Palestinians more in two years than the entire Arab world has ever done for them. Whatever the Palestinians have got now has been achieved for them not by Arab weapons, not by the superpowers, not even by bloody Holy War, but by a narrow majority of Israelis who have, at last, reached the conclusion that military occupation and suppression are both immoral and useless.

This is a moment of decision: a shaky majority of Israelis still support the Oslo Agreements, but even within this majority there are some who are beginning to consider other options. Even our doves cannot bear a situation where Land for Peace means that Israel gives away land and gets less and less peace. Some of us are now looking into ideas such as drawing our border with you unilaterally, according to our best interests, disengaging the Israsli population completely from the Palestinian popula-tion and defending ourselves

courage and integrity.

upon us all.
Now it is your turn to rise and fight for peace. Don't **10 OBITUARIES** 

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# Peeping into glory

ary critic and historian, galvanic teacher. lifelong radical and for more than 50 years a pre-eminen figure in the intellectual life of New York, has died at the Greenwich Village house that had been his home for more than 60 years. He was 91.

As an academic, Dr Schapletely different fields, it was as a historian and elucidator of Romanesque sculpture that he made his name in 1931. He also wrote on 19th-century and early-20th-century art from Courbet and Cézanne to Mondrian and the Abstract Expressionists — in ways that gave new dignity to the discussion of modern art.

But it was not in his nature to function as a specialist within any one particular discipline. Even less was be a satrap of the seminar with specific "turf" of his own to protect. It was, in fact, the very essence of Schapiro that he never conceived of any aspect of art, of belief or of lan-

He regarded all forms, schools and systems of knowledge as interrelated and interdependent. As far as he was concerned, he had been put on earth to know, and to make known, the correspondences between them all. And the insider, but to the generality of intelligent human

An archetypal Jewish immigrant, Schapiro arrived in the United States at the age of three from Lithuania. It was in New York that he lived out his life. New York made him welcome, nourished his flery and agile intelligence, and made it possible for him to master one discipline after another with a speed and a

thoroughness that have had few parallels in our century. What New York had given him, he gave back many times over. To be in the same city as Schapiro was a privilege, and more than one generation of gifted New Yorkers was well aware of it. The painter Robert Mother-

well said in 1974: "It was in order to study with Meyer Schapiro that I came to New York, which was the single spent an evening in Scha- entry into the United States art history at Columbia. most decisive factor in my de velopment. He introduced me to European artists in extle here from the war in the 1940s, and this was the second most important factor in my orientation. I have great admiration for him as a sage, though I disagree with him on him as an irreplaceable man and as an extraordinary repgreatness of New York City. William Rubin, formerly the director of painting and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, said: "Few art

historians have the eye and mind of a Meyer Schapiro. And none of those shared his extraordinary humanity. So when Meyer Schapiro communed with great art, he saw kinds of things that eluded the rest of us." Hilton Kramer, the editor of

the New Criterion, said his lectures, "were dazzling performances that left one in no doubt that the great work of the modern painters stood at the very centre of life."

In lecture hall and seminar start from a prepared text or with a purpose that he sum-marised at the outset. His speech at such times might be plain and straightforward to the point of hesitation. But before long an almost

perceptible halo of cerebra-

empyrean to which he alone had access, ideas and intuitions crowded in from every quarter.

At such times, all prewere drawn into a magic circle that he had been tracing since the late 1920s. It could have been overwhelming, but such was the intellectual courtesy behind it that those in his audience left the room convinced. for just a minute or two, that they were as clever as he was.

He defined the direction of his work in 1973, when he was given an award by the Art Dealers Association of America. "The study of art history" he said, "pre-supposes that art is a universal and perma-nent feature of civilized life. and that what we do to pre-serve it, and to discriminate the best of it, will contribute to future enjoyment as much

'Our concern with the work of art, however touched by vanity or greed, is a homage beyond self-interest," he continued. "Through it we surmount if only at rare moments, the limitations of our striving, possessive selves and, as an old poet says, 'into

glory peep."
All his life Schapiro had a capacity for total recall. No matter what subject was raised in general conversa-tion, he could usually name not only the necessary books on the subject but the chapter heading and the page reference most appropriate. In this regard, he was rarely faulted. Equally remarkable was his visual memory for works of art that he had once seen and never forgotten. When the sculptor Jacques

Lipchitz was newly arrived in New York from Europe dur-

#### Meyer Schapiro was here - Kitai wrote – like having Plato in the living room

ing the second world war, he piro's company. The talk turned to the great collections of tribal art in the Musée de l'Homme in Paris, and in particular to a piece that he had especially admired. Schapiro took a sheet of

paper and draw, from mem-ory and to scale, not only the piece in question but every other piece that had been in the case with it some years before. He did not see this as anything out of the ordinary. Artists and writers prized in particular the unexpected and far-ranging connections that he could summon up when in their company. The French painter Fernand Léger was not given to mystical observances of any kind, and when Schapiro took him to the basement of the Pierpont Morgan Library during the second world war he may have wondered what was in

store for him. But it was thanks to Schapiro that Leger found, in an 11th-century illumination from the Beatus Apocalypse, an important element in the vocabulary of his later paintings. This was one of many occasions on which Schapiro dealt with living artists on an inspired basis.

1952, he convinced Willem de Kooning that his Woman I was not a failure, as de Kooning had supposed, but a succomes to mind for his inning had supposed, but a suc-



cesses would surely come.

More recently, the point was put with ideal concision by RB Kitaj. "Meyer Scha-piro was here," he wrote. "Like having Plato in the living room!"
In 1974, on the occasion of

Schapiro's 70th birthday, 12 of art history. the leading artists of the day made original lithographs, etchings and silk-screens that were sold in an edition of 100. The proceeds were given to a fund for the endowment of a chair in Schapiro's name in the department of art history and archeology at Columbia. Johns, Ellsworth Kelly, Alex-ander Liberman, Stanley William Hayter, Roy Lichten-stein, Andre Masson, Robert Motherwell, Class Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg, Frank Stella, Andy Warhol and Saul

Steinberg. Schapiro was born in Stauliai, Lithuania, the descen-dant of Talmudic scholars, In 1906, his father. Nathan Schafound work as a teacher of Hebrew. After a year, he sent for his family. While Nathan's son was being pro-cessed on Ellis Island for his name was changed from Meir to Meyer.

Yiddish was the first lan-guage in the family home, but distinct from spoken) He-brew, secular Bible studies, the theories of Darwin, books on language, the contemporary socialist press and much else. While at school Meyer Schapiro was encouraged by his parents to let his curiosity run free. He read, drew, took and developed photographs, mastered electrical gadgetry and did not disdain sports.

In 1920, aged 16, he gradu-ated from high school. In September of that year he entered Columbia College as the holder of both a Pulitzer Fired up by these revelses tasy, delight in colour and piros home in Greenwich Vil-

Sir Ernst Gombrich writes:

HE NEWS of the death

of Meyer Schapiro will sadden the many friends and admirers of this extraordinary scholar.

On my first visit to the United States, in 1949, I reg-ularly attended his lectures

at Columbia University on

Already convinced that he would never make the grade as a practising artist, he studied Latin, living lan-guages, mathematics, ancient and modern literature, anthropology, philosophy and

Still not yet 20, he graduated with a degree in art history and philosophy. What he called his "sense of the deep connections of art with the totality of culture" was already shaping the direction of in his book on 12th-century the life's work that was to Both anthropology (under

Franz Boas) and architecture tempted him, meanwhile, and art history as then taught at Columbia seemed to him almost derisory, based as it was on courses given, in his view, by "men who had never really conducted investiga-tions after writing their Ph D theses." But art history remained the discipline that would best satisfy both his piro, emigrated on his own to love of learning and his love the United States, where he of art. Turned down by the department of art history at Princeton — a rejection that he attributed at least in part to his being Jewish — he settled for graduate work in

The next few years were decisive for his career. The distinguished medievalist Ernest DeWald had moved from Princeton to Columbia and Meyer Schapiro taught himself German (by way of Yid-dish) and read the seminal work of two great scholars, Wilhelm Voge and Alois

Riegi.
From Voge, he learned to study the emergence of the monumental style in 11thmonumental style in 11thand 12th-century Europe.
From Riegl, he learned the correspondence between changes in art and the development of individual perception from one stage of life to and imbued with values of audience.

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I was privileged also to visit him at home and to have many memorable con-

versations with him. I am happy to say that for many years we kept in contact. He also visited our house

here in London, and I espe-

cially remember a lecture he gave in Hampstead on

Spellbound by an inspired scholar

cess from which other suc scholarship and a Regents tions, he chose as the subject movement, and the expres lage was much visited by cesses would surely come. | scholarship and a Regents | tions, he chose as the subject | movement, and the expres | lage was much visited by for his doctoral dissertation | sion of feelings that anticl | members of the radical left, the cloister and portal of Moissac, an abbey in south-western France, built circa 1100 and known for its Romanesque sculptures. Those sculptures had always been regarded primarily as rudimentary way stations on the road to Gothic art and the work of anonymous artisans who wished only to dedicate themselves to God.

But in 1922 the French art historian Emile Male argued religious art in France that on the contrary, they marked "the very inception of the modern tradition sculpture."

Five years of research, much of it on site in France

#### 'He treated Romanesque sculptures as art rather than as documents'

and elsewhere, went into the was accepted by Columbia in 1929. Schapiro's research went far beyond the implica-tions of Moissac itself. Medieval church history, liturgy, theology, social history, illu-minated manuscripts, folklore, epigraphy, the analysis of ornament and national characteristics (real or imagmed) all were pressed into service and synthesised. As a result, what had been thought of as antiquarian artifacts

antiquity to the modern movements, but he ap-

peared almost equally at there will never home in the history of Meyer Schapiro.

pate modern art. This new art, on the margins of religious work, was accompanied by a conscious taste of the spectators for the beauty of workmanship, materials, and artistic devices, apart from religious meanings.

In 1938, before his disserta-tion was completed, he was appointed a lecturer in art history at Columbia. That year he also married Dr Milgrim. a pediatrician. In 1931, when part of his dissertation appeared in The Art Bulletin, his exceptional stature was widely realised. "For the first time," one scholar recalled, "Meyer treated a set of Romanesque sculptures as art, rather than as

Schapiro taught primarily at Columbia, where he be-came assistant professor in 1936, associate professor in 1946, full professor in 1952 and university professor in 1965. Named university professor emeritus in 1973, he taught a weekly graduate class on theory and methods of investigation in art.

He also lectured at New York University from 1932 to 1936, and at the New School to 1952. His lectures at the New School had a particular importance for artists and writers, in that they coin-cided with the development of a New York school of painting that was to win widespread international acclaim.

Meanwhile, European mod-

ernism was still little known in the US, and when paintings by Picasso, Georges Braque and Joan Miro arrived in New York they were often seen literally out of context. Schapiro validated them in intellectual, historical and moral terms that were a revelation to many in his

spired delivery and the astrounding range of his associations and know-ledge.

I was privileged also to a constitute of the discussion, be vigorously defended the right and the duty of the artist to art on Van Gogh, and especially Cazanna, he was even which for him experiment, which for him was a healthy symptom of a free society. He had made the whole of the history of art his province, from late more productive in his conversation. An anima candida, devoid of malice or ambitton, he resembled an

and Schapiro became a con-tributor to the Marxist Quarterly, the New Masses, the Nation and Partisan Review. Saul Bellow, however noted, that "Meyer never took part in any of the quarrels

and backbiting and vendettas ... He was the one person in the Village against whom no one had anything terrible to

For many years, Schapiro was reluctant to publish (or, republish) his lectures and papers. An annunciatory quality had always been fundamental to his performances on the platform and in the classroom. The printed page ruled out the new insights that came crowding in — or so it seemed — on the spur of the moment and in the heat of exposition. For this reason, his output in print between 1931 and the late 1970s was almost absurdly small in relation to his reputation as both an art historian of the first rank and the most inspiring teacher of his time.

Vincent Van Gogh (1950) and Cézanne (1952) were trea-sured texts, but brief. Words And Pictures (1973), likewise brief, applied the new science doctoral dissertation, which for Social Research from 1936 of semiotics to the study of medieval illuminated manu scripts. Other writings had alclandestine circulation.

Romanesque Art, the first of a four-volume series of his selected essays and lectures, came out in 1977; Modern Art: 19th and 20th Centuries in 1978; and Late Antique, Early Christian and Medieval Art a year later. The fourth volume, Theory and Philosophy of Art: Style, Artist and Society, was published in 1994. In 1966-67 Schapiro was

Charles Eliot Norton Lecturer at Harvard University. In 1968 he was Slade Professor of Art at Oxford University. In May 1974 he was a visiting lecturer at the College de France in Paris. In May 1975 the alumni of Columbia awarded him the Alexander Hamilton Medal for distinguished service and accom-plishment. In 1976 he was elected a member of the National Institute of Arts and

Letters. In addition to his wife, Schapiro is survived by two children, two grandsons; a great grandson, and an older brother, Morris Schapiro.

New York Times

Meyer Schapiro, art historian, born September 23, 1904; died

#### Barbara Laws

the Guardian Obituaries desk, died yesterday after a brave struggle against cancer She was 56.

Barbara joined the Guardian in 1985 to work for the leader writing team and immediately made a mark with ber no nonsense attitude. In 1990 she took her considerable talents to the Obituaries and Letters desks where her wit, kindness and common sense helped editors, contributors and the bereaved steer a steady course through what can sometimes be difficult waters. She was never fazed by dramatic turns of events. in newspaper terms, and dealt quickly and calmly with those who were. She had a wonderful eye for cant and an instinctive and heartening

When Barbara's illness was diagnosed shortly before Christmas, her response was typically robust. She fought hard and her bravery and rationally was an inspiration to the many colleagues who visited her at home where she remained for most of her illness. We will miss her.

#### Letter

David Ross writes: Lord Marshall, (obituary, February 23) introduced Britain's first, 1976, wave power programme — the ried about dependence on coal. A reporter asked if wave power would be safer than nuclear. Nuclear power was not danger continuing nuclear versus renewable energy battle. To be fair Marshall wanted alternatives developed, provided nu-clear had the lion's share of funding.

#### Birthdays

David Astor, CH, former editor, the Obsarvar, 84; Chris-time Davis, president, Coun-cil of Churches for Britain and Ireland, 52; Jim Dowd, Labour MP, 45; Anthony Hedges, composer, 65; Robin Herbert, horticulturalist, 62; Richard Hickox, conductor, 48; Melvin Lasky, former editor, Encounter, 72; Elaine Paige, singer, 44; Barry Tuckwell, horn soloist and conductor, 65; Des Wilson, liberal campaigner, director fairs, BAA plc, 55.

#### **Death Notices**

BATCHELOR. On February 28th 1996 atts a short timess, Ciliver Hugh, of Bowdon Cheshrin. Husband of Anna, devoted Fathe of Paul. Tim and Clairs, lowing "Gramps" to Paul. Tim and Service at the Althrichem Cremistorium on Thursday, March 7th at 1 WA16 60W Tel. 01655 532844
BOWMAN, David (Dweet, on 2nd March 1996 at Brighton General Hospital, aged 22. Beloved husband of Barbers and formative lusteend of the lass Sizabeth, Much loved tether of Drummend and Rey Eigzabeth, grandlather and great grandlather. Funeral service at the Downs Creststorium, Bear Road, Brighton 12.30p.m. Thursday, March 70x. Family Bowers only, Donationa is Brighton General Hospital League of Friesds may be sent of Manningtons F/D. 4-6 Montahore Road, Hove BMS IRD 4-6 Montabore Poard, Hove BNS (FD)
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#### Acknowledgments

#### Memorial Services

FAROUK-SLUGUETT, Marten. There will be a gathering to celebrate Marton's life on Fridey, 8th March at 2.30pm in Hartmess Hall, Birkback College, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1

#### Births

#### Jackdaw



#### I and eye

CEZANNE's career is a Hege lian's dream. The thesis and antithesis here are the Diony sian and the Apollonian. An alternative formulation: the and the eye. The early unbri-dled figure-compositions depicting murders, rapes, orgies and the like were realised with the same intense inner need to externalise such visions as impelled him to include sado-masochistic erotic poems in his youthful letters to Zola. Compared with his contemporaneous groups of bathers that do not have a narrative content, the fantastic pictures al-

most seem to have been

painted in the way we may have to recount the night's bad dreams over breakfast before we can get on with the

iay. His antidote to the *diable* 

die at around 50: once they've period in their middle years during which they rest on energy to launch themselves on fresh enterprises. Had Rembrandt or Matisse, who are classic examples of this,

au corps, his path to sublimin-ation, was to dedicate himself to working patiently, sanely, soberly, from nature, a course taken from about 1873 on under the guidance of "I'humble et colossal Pissaro". From about 1888, the dialectical process resulted in a marvellous synthesis between the violent and the contemplative. But what picture would we

have had of Cézanne if he had died in 1887? Of course, great artists (Proust apart) rarely do reached 40, they tend to sur-vive beyond 60. And these survivors almost all have a fallow their oars and cash in on their early success while gathering died in the course of those years, the artistic identities they left behind would have

been broadly those they did went on to a glorious late period. If Cézanne had died in 1887, our impresion of his artistic identity would have been radically different from what it is. It would have been that of an artist of great and diverse qualities who produced masterpieces but never really got it all together - not quite Frenhofer, but not an the grand synthesis through-

out his last 18 years. David Sylvester reviewing the Tate Gallery's Cézanne show, London Review of Books. Church perks

THE LIFESTYLE of bishops seems to be a subject of perennial fascination. First it was houses; then money. Pensions will be next on the list. Lacking from the discussion is any serious consideration of what bishops actually do ... His primary focus must be on those issues which have

diocesan, regional or

national implications.

This is one reason why it is

better for him to read a news-

scale issues rather than to read one which deals with highy personalised ones. He also needs to understand the culture of those involved in decision-making and in shap ing public perceptions. Because time is short and he cannot do everything, this may mean avoiding the temptation of keeping down with the Joneses. There is a spurious "common man" syndrome which can easily mask an attempt to escape from dif-ficult responsibilities . . . He has to operate at a level of housing and income which, while not directly compara-ble to that of those who share similar responsibilities in the secular world, is not so embarrassingly different that easy contact with them is frustrated. He needs the kind of space which allows many different things to go on in the same house. He needs the financial resources to enable him to use limited time to the best advantage. And he needs that relative freedom from domestic worries which might

encourage him to think and

naper which can help to feed read and write calmly and constructively about some of the larger issues facing the Church and the world. Harold Wilson once boasted that when he was Prime Minister he used to clean his own shoes. A critic replied that this is not what we pay a prime minister to do. Both had a point. The questionis not, Should lead-

ers live in luxury? but, How can we make the best use of scarce resources of skill and experience? John Habgood, former Arch-bishop of York, justifies the pound in his pocket in a letter to the Church Times.

Round sounds I'M STANDING in a small room, shouting the names of fruit at the wall and wondering how rounded I can make the first syllable of apricot. I'm aiming for bulbous. After 10 minutes of hard syllabicating, my mouth is running on autopilot and I'm left wonder ing how I ever got into this. This being radio. Or, more specifically, voice-training lessons at the BBC's expense

. . I've got a strong northern accent, set to one volume. Loud. Even worse, I'm impos sibly lazy; in fact, so vocally flabby I sound as though I've been drip-fed Novocain and plugged into an echo chamber. My passport gives my place of birth as Rochdale; my accent emphasises it in a fuzzbox monotone.

Old Testament prophet

rather than an academic.

There will never be another

I slipped into radio by accident . . . I rang the BBC with a few ideas and was asked to record them. It binned the tapes and I was packed off to a voice coach . . . He asks me to



Streets ahead . . . Big Issue

imagine I'm on a stage, looking out across a huge audi-ence. I try my best and start firing off rounds of fruits. The imaginary audience fires them right back. The windows are securely double glazed, which is just as well. The building looks out over a dusty intersection and I wouldn't have liked to disturb the traffic . . . The idea is that each time I come to a

proper noun, I have to imagine I'm framing it with my voice . . . I emphasise every name with a pert little flour ish at least an octave higher than my normal voice. [My coach] tries to look pleased but I can see him wincing. He suggests we move on to con-sider my sentences: "Your

voice seems to slip away at the end." I say, "Yeah, I do that, me. Nicholas Blincoe gets his mouth around BBC English in the Big Issue.

#### **Boxing clever** Forrest Gump: Life is like a

Box of chocolates . . . Forrest Dahmer: People are like a box of chocolate, YUM! Dan Glaister

Forrest Zen: I am one with Dr. Forrest McCoy: Dammit Jim, I'm a Dr, not a box of chocolate. Forrest Spock: Logically speaking, we are all chocolate.

Forrest Scotty: The box, she's breaking apart Capt'n.
Forrest Builer: Frankly Scar-lett, I don't like chocolate. Forrest Copperfield: Poof, the chocolates are gone! Forrest Freud: Is life really a box of chocolate . . . or is it your mother you want?
Forrest Hillary: Hey Bill
those are my Chocolates! Forrest '95: The box is the

same. The chocolates are up-graded . . . Bradley James Workman's (ORKMANBJ@bou.edu) 'Forrest in everyone's life", cur-rently circulating on e-mail.

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# Finance Guardian

Cunard up for sale in wake of deal



Trafalgar victor . . Erik Tonseth says buyers for

## **Takeover sets QE2 adrift**

UNARD, the luxury shipping line that owns the QE2, was yesterday put up for sale after its owner, the struggling engineering, construction and shipping conglomerate Trasalphing conglomerate Tra-falgar House, agreed to a 2804 million bid from Norwe-gian shipbuilding and engi-nearing combine Kvaerner. Announcing the widely ex-pected deal, which spells an

end to one of the most famous names in British business, Kvaerner immediately said it was prepared to sell Cupard Among possible buyers for

operators, plus American "exploding" toilets, blocked sinks and "building site con-cruises and Disney. P&O, the ditions". British cross-Channel ferry operator which itself has been the subject of bid speculation was also put in the frame. Erik Tonseth, Kveerner's

chief executive, said he had already been approached by "a number of serious buyers" for Cunard but declined to

for Cunard but declined to name them.

He added: "If there was a buyer who came with the money, we would take a serious-look at it; but the other scenario is that we continue to operate it."

Cunard has been dogged over the next 14 months by

over the past 14 months by problems that began with a botched refit of the QE2, fol-Among possible buyers for cunard—and the QE2—are to New York, during which cluding the Ritz hotel, which

sought compensation and in January it was revealed that John Olsen, Cunard's former chairman, received a £407,000 pay-off after effectively carrying the can for the flasco.

Zafar Khan, an analyst at broker Société Générale Strauss Turnbull and a critic buyer would need to spend a lot of money to restore Cun-ard's credibility. "I don't know who would buy it — it will need a lot of expenditure because there is no longer any kudos sailing round the world in Cunard," he added. Cunard is one of several

was sold last year, and Ex- Kvaerner are Davy, the engi-press Newspapers, disposed nearing and construction But the main Trafalgar



business that recently won a \$500 million contract in Thaisouth mind contract in Trailind, engineering group John Brown and the French construction engineer Sofresid.

Meanwhile. Hongkong Land, one of the group of companies controlled by the Keswick family's Jardine empire, and which owns a 26 per cent stake in Trafalgar, was left

nursing heavy losses.
The deal values Hongkong Land's stake in Trafalgar, acquired in 1992, at about £200 million — some £100 million less than the group paid

Percy Weatherall, Hongtor, admitted yesterday that the stake in Trafalgar had "clearly been a disappointing

said the annual growth rate of the supply of notes and

coins rose to 6.4 per cent in February, raising expecta-tions that sales on the high

street could have recovered

from the steep drop in

But City analysts said the

buoyant figures for the

overall measure of narrow money, mostly notes and coin but also the money in banks' tills, should not nec-

greater than we had antici-pated when we bought the ini-tial stake, but it would be inappropriate to say more."
The deal also poses ques

tions for the future of Amec, the construction group for which Kvaerner unsuccess fully bid £360 million last De Norwegian firm holds a 26 per cent stake. Mr Tonseth said was "no longer of any strate-

Trafalgar House shares closed up 3%p at 48%p, against Evaerner's 50p-ashare offer, while the preferhigher at 78p, against the 80p offer price.

## Speculators warned to steer clear of

**bucket shops** 

Dim Alkinson

NVESTORS were warned yesterday to steer clear of high-pressure bucket-shop operations offering speculation in the foreign-exchange mar ket. A crackdown by City reg ulators has driven some oper-

the Investors Compensation

Anyone doing business with a firm that has chosen not to apply for a licence to deal with the public will never be covered, as the firm

cepted shares belonging to Maxwell pensioners as collat-

Hong Kong Notebook

## Support brings on new worries



OHN Major's fleeting but significant visit to Hong Kong, squeezed between trade missions to Bangkok and Seoul, will have gone some way to reassuring elected democrats here that Britain will not stand su-pinely by if China seeks to abrogate the twin agreements of the Joint Declaration and Basic Law. The Prime Minister's five-point plan, includ-ing some touchy vise and citizenship issues, deals with the obvious concerns of different sections of the Hong Kong community, from war widows to new Special Administrative Region passport holders. But oddly enough it raised new worries for financial and business leaders.

Mr Major has gone out of his way to emphasise Hong Kong's role as an open city and taken pains to stress that if the "through train" of greater democracy were halted on June 30, 1997, then it would not be just a British problem but an international problem. All very sensible one might think, except the hint that there would be a global response if Beijing were to put a foot wrong was enough to interrupt quite a strong rally on the Hang Seng, Hong Kong's confidence

there is nothing more likely to antagonise China — and appeasing . Beijing is what much of the debats in the business community is about — than the prospects of concerted international action including possible legal review at the Hague. The Chinese regard events in Hong Kong and Macau, as internal and not a matter for global atten-tion. Certainly, the worst of all worlds for the financial markets is a period of escalat ing friction as the countdown to Britain's exit proceed John Major may have suc-ceeded in spreading some tiger balm on the political wounds in Hong Kong, but he may also have opened some fresh ones.

#### Black hole

TR ancient enemies of Jardine Matheson, including those who mocked the departure of its domicile to Bermuda more than a decade ago, will no doubt manage a wry smile at the humiliation its property offshoot Hongkong Land (HKL) has suffered at the hands of Trafalgar. Although the net investment loss is classified by Hongkong Land at \$US156 million, the real ses in terms of carrying costs and profits foregone are nuch higher. Nevertheless, the Keswick

family, which controls Jar-dines, will no doubt be grateful that Kvaerner has put Hongkong Land and its public shareholders out of their

misery.

The mystery, however, is not about the stock-picking skills of Hongkong Land executives but what went so wrong at Trafalgar. It is related to the stock of the stock tively easy to explain the dif-ficulties of Cunard, and the public humiliation surrounding the refitting of the QE2. What is harder to deal with is the plunge into ever deeper losses and reorganisation costs at two of Britain's most established and better engi-neering businesses, Davy International and John Brown. The black hole, which led to pre-tax loss of £320.8 million (after exceptional items of £204.2 million) has never been

satisfactorily explained.

Kvaerner, which is capitalised at a similar level to Trafalgar, would do well to understand more about the company's past problems be-fore marching in boldly. Un-like Hongkong Land, it may not have the resources to commit itself to an endemi-

#### Bank on hold

HE Bank of China clothed in its elegant 70-storey I M Pei-designed tower, dominates the Hons Kong skyline. Although the state-owned Bank of China issues consolidated accounts in Beijing, its Hong Kong off-shoot — which controls some 25 per cent of the deposits in the colony — remains some-what enigmatic. As China's control of Hong Kong grows closer, the Bank of China is seeking to open its doors slightly to the wider world.

Last month it held its first ever briefing (attended by more then 60 journalists) for the Asian financial press, and its deputy chief executive, Zhang Hong Yi, willingly spent more than an hour-and-a-half discussing his banking ambitions with the Guardian team here. When I was in Hong Kong three years ago, it was impossible to gain access

despite repeated phone calls. Even as Britain moves out of Hong Kong, the Bank of China, which has had an overseas branch in London for several decades, is anxious to step up its London operations. In much the same way as HSBC Holdings has fo operations on Lower Thames Street in the City, the Bank of

China wants a London invest-ment banking bridgehead. As an established player in the syndicated credit, bond and stock markets in Asia it would like to use this expert ence in London, presumably providing Beijing with greater access to the depth and spread of the London

It has not even ruled out the possibility of buying a Lon-don house (not that there are many left) should one become available. But its application for a licence remains pending in the Bank of England's in tray, it has been told that this is due to the regulatory backwash of Barings and Daiwa.

It might also reflect the natural reluctance of the Old Lady to take decisive action until the new political regime here has peaceably settled.

## PolyGram rides in

big-gun ally for TV project, writes Lisa Buckingham

entertainment group Poly-Gram — one of the backers of Four Weddings and a Fu-neral — agreed to take a large stake in Robert Red-ford's independent movie

The Hollywood film star Channel in the US last week ment group, which is owned by Viacom. The channel was born out

about 50 films a month, with no commercial PolyGram, whose other recent films include The Usual Suspects and Dead Man Walking, is taking a

station, the Sundance Channel intends to screen

50 per cent stake in the US business of Sundance and will control 75 per cent of the rest of the global The Dutch film and music

group, which owns Working Title Films and Island Pictures, plans to launch the Sundance Channel in a number of European countries. Strengthening the channel's offering are production pacts which PolyGram has with Tim Robbins's Havoc Ince and

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

# nuclear front

HE Government is preparing to write down the value of the nuclear stations being prepared for privatisation later this sum-mer by up to £3 billion in an effort to flatter the industry's profits and sweeten the sale for investors.

The planned write-down will provoke a political storm by highlighting the failure of the sale to recoup the industry's construction costs. But it would boost profits at British Energy, the company formed to take the UK's most modern reactors into the urlmillion a year through lower

depreciation charges. British Energy's seven Advanced Gas Cooled reactors (AGRs) and the Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) Sizewell B are currently valued in its books at \$7.4 billion. Writing down the value of

the stations brought accusaters were prepared to sell the industry at any price. But the concept of a hefty write-down was backed last

night by analysts at brokers vising the Government on the ers earning £20,000 and sale. Daniel Martin, an ana- upwards.

lyst, believes the company could write off £2.5 billion

The write-down, part of lengthy wrangling between British Energy and the Gov-ernment over the company's capital structure, emerged yes-terday as executives began pre-

According to provisional ac-Actorning to provisional ac-counts released yesterday, British Energy profits will also be flattered by the use of a 3 per cent discount rate in as-sessing the value of long-term nuclear liabilities—the indus-try has traditionally used a 2 per cent functorally used a 2

The fund will be endowed with £225 million at the outset Total liabilities are estimated over the lifetime of the stations at 27 billion in discounted val-ues, of which £8.9 billion has

#### Channel link sweeteners 'will leave Tory policy all at sea'

HE first independent condemnation of the Government's £5.7 billion subsidy for the Channel tunnel rail link came yesterday from an adviser to the House of Commons transport committee, who described it as "unjusti-

fied state aid". David Starkie, chairman of the consultancy Economics Plus, said that the subsidy was "going to test severely the consistency of European policy on state aid". He argued that the European Commission would have to proinvolved public money going vices between London, Paris into a pulvate venture.

industry's track record.

per cent forecast. The compa ny's revenue will be boosted

already been incurred.

from its assets. He has also pencilled in 1,000 job losses among station staff after the

BE chairman John Robb de-clined to rule out share option duced for directors and manage

Keith Herper Transport Editor

been arguing against subsi-

dies for European airlines, in-cluding Air France, Iberia and Alitalia, on behalf of Britnounce on the subsidy, as it

because it will need to pay only £15 million a year into a segre-gated fund to finance long-term decommissioning.

London & Continental Railways, the Channel link company, £1.4 billion in a direct grant, plus the Eurostar concession and rolling stock. St Pancras and Waterloo stations, and 120 acres of Mr Starkie said the aid posed an acute dilemma for the Government, which has

> ish airlines. It was now prepared to give a huge subsidy to a rail opera-tor which was already competing with British airlines across the Channel, on ser-

## Storm brews on Chancellor heartened by improved housing market

Sarah Ryle and Sitt Jones

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke, who is reckoned to be planning a further cut in interest rates this week, last night welcomed signs that the housing market may be on course for recovery and that high street spending is

picking up. "The spring of 1996 could be a good time for our hous-ing market." Mr Clarke told Parliament. He was cautiously optimistic about the latest figures. Britain's biggest mort-

gage lender, the Halifax, said house prices rose by 0.9 per cent in February — the seventh monthly in-According to the Hallfax.

News in brief

National & Provincial Build-

Newer savers who epene

N&P accounts before the cut

off date of April 28 last year will be entitled to Abbey

shares worth £500. Non-vot-

ing members, including chil-

dren and people with less than £100 saved on April 28, 1995, will be given 9 per cent of their balance. Borrowers

who owed more than £100 on

April 28 will receive Abbey Shares worth \$500.

Anita and Gordon Roddick

yesterday called off plans to buy up all the public shares in

Body Shop, the "green" cos-mestics chain they founded 20

Body Shop rethink:

house prices have risen by 0.2 per cent on a year ago, the first annual rate of increase since January 1995. following a fall of 1.2 per cent reported last month First-time buyers paid 2.7 per cent more for homes in February than they did the month before, although new house prices fell by 3.3 per cent. The Halifax stressed the

underlying upward trend and predicted an annual rise of 2 per cent by the end of this year. The Nation-wide last week reported a 1.4 per cent rise in house prices in February.

essarily spark inflation They said there was little chance that yesterday's headline annual rate of Separate data showed a rise in the amount of cash in circulation in February,

3.1 per cent would deter the Chancellor from cutting in-terest rates to 6 per cent later this week. HSBC analyst Don Smith providing further eviden forecast a 0.25-point cut in the base rate on March 7.

N&P customers to "privatise" the group last November, said the level of in line for £750 borrowing required to buy

ing Society savers and bor-rowers stand to gain more than 2750 if they vote in favour of the £1.35 billion flexibility to fund worldwide expansion.

takeover by Abbey National next month, writes Cliff Jones. £277 million. Members who have held accounts since December 31, 1983, will be entitled to either £750 in cash or Abbey shares and an additional cash bonus yesterday denied that the forequal to 7 per cent of their balance. mer Barings rogue trader controlled up to £23 million in bank accounts in Germany.

> "I do not know where this information could have come from but it is completely fulse," he said, adding that Leeson controlled "no accounts whatsoever" in Ger-many. He had not been ques-tioned by any investigators concerning the alleged bank

back the company from its stock market investors would ken at the end of April. Those hoping to compete with British Gas include Lonhave restricted Body Shop's

Shares in Body Shop sank by 2p to 146p yesterday valu-ing the entire company at Nick Leeson's German lawyer

That is completely wrong, said Eberhard Kempf, the white-collar crime specialist who took on Lesson's case when he was detained in Frankfurt last March.

Electricity rush Seven of the privatised regional electricity compayears ago. The couple, who regional electricity compathe the pharmaceutical first disclosed their intention nies have joined the rush of 11 Eli Lilly in the US.

enter the domestic gas market in the South-west when the

don Total Energy, a joint ven-ture of London Electricity and Total; Hanson's Eastern Klec-tricity subsidiary, in the form of Eastern Natural Gas; Seeboard's Southern Gas; South Western Electricity's SWEB Gas, and a joint venture involving Southern Electricity and oil glant Phillips.

ICI, which yesterday unveiled the \$390 million acquisition of South American paints group, Bunge, underlined its plans to expand in high growth markets with the appointment of senior Hong Kong business-man, Mr H C Lee, as a non-executive director. Chairman Sir Ronnie Hampel said Mr Lee's guidance would be valuable as ICI continued to ex-

**Golden leaves** Charles Golden, chairman of Vauxhall, has resigned to be-come chief financial officer of

ators out of the business, but there are fears some may set up shop in Europe and bombard gullible punters with long-distance telephone calls. Earlier this year, more than 30 unauthorised firms were offering so-called "rolling spot forex" deals to private investors. It had been believed such investments did not le gally require the firms to have a regulator's licence, but the Securities and Investments Board ruled that this view was mistaken and that

the operators had until March 1 to apply for authorisation. Eighteen of the 30-plus firms identified on the board's "concerned" list have asked to join the broking regulator, the Securities and Futures Authority, but until the firms are actually authorised, clients will not be covered by

will be trading illegally.
The 18 applicants are: Bronzechart; Currency Management Corporation; Connaught Drysberg; Forexia (UK); Index FX; Jacobson Fund Management; Origo Currency Management; Scandinavian Forex and Futures Group; Trading Dynamics; Anderson Ross; Currency Insight; Eurasia Forex UK; Euro Currency Corporation; Firefox Treasury Management; Global Foreign Exchange Corporation: London Currency Exchange; Pagoda Foreign Exchange (Birming-ham) and Talisman Trading. Lehman Brothers, the US investment house, has been fined £80,000 with costs for dealings with two companies linked to the late Robert Maxwell in 1991, Lehmans ac-

have since been returned.

#### val, which screens movies made by independent pro-Sundance gains ducers. Unusually for a US

HE Sundance Kid landed a new partner yesterday when the

channel. launched the Sundance as a venture with Showtime Networks, a subsidiary of the Blockbuster Entertain-

of Mr Redford's film festi- | Jodie Foster's Egg Pictures.

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PATRICK **DONOVAN** joins the night patrol to open day two of our

## Plucked off the quayside in seconds for the fast boat to China

force's entire annual budget for a Triad gang to haul a top-of-the-range Mercedes off the Hong Kong quay-side and into a powerboat bound for China. A hoist is through the car's need drugs out of the "Colden Trial gangs out of the "Colden Trial gangs" out of the gangs of the gangs out of the gangs of the gangs of the gangs out of t bound for China. A hoist is that through the car's passenger windows; a waiting crane lifts the vehicle, stolen to order for mainland custom to order for mainland custom. ers. down into a waiting "Daal-Fie". And a few minling to both Europe and the US," he adds. "And a lot of this is coming out of mainutes later the 70mph craft is leap-frogging across the colony's territorial waters. land China."

For more than three years the phenomenally powerful Daai-Fle craft have outpaced the combined resources of the Hong Kong police, customs and military intelligence. Operated out of remote bases in the Pearl Delta basin, the speedboats are little more than 60ft fibreglass shells, propelled by up to five 225hp Mercury outboards.

Heading out into the East Lama strait, the Hong Kong Police senior inspector teven Tooke is watching for the latest car raids on surveil-lance videos as Police Launch

four starts its night patrol.

Already three illegal immigrants — or "eye-yes" as they are known in police jargon — have been caught in the force's base harbour. Out in the gathering dusk of the South China Sea, officers point out pleasure craft ferrypoint out pleasure craft ferrying groups of men for "recreational" trips to the Chinese military island of Wai Ling Ding. Entrepreneurial prostitutes are carving out a huge market share by dramatically undercutting their Hong Kong counterparts.

thoughtful, British geology graduate, aged 33, who intends to stay in the force after next year's handover — is after bigger prey. Besides stolen cars and other consumer goods, he says that Daai-Fie craft are responsible for the growing spectre of

much as 60 per cent of the systems".

Already steps are being taken to liaise with opposite numbers in mainland China. Officers say there is evidence there of a crackdown on off) cial corruption, thought to have been largely responsible for helping Triad activity. But the stakes are rising.

Speeding Daal-Fis have at-tacked police vessels with everything from home-made spears to Bren guns. Up in the bridge, a sub-machine gun stands ready by the radar screen. Facing a possible death penalty for corruption if they are handed back to the mainland authorities. smugglers are prepared to put up a desperate fight if cor-nered by a police launch.

There is no such drama in the resigned expressions of the three "eye-eyes" swept up earlier. The illegal immigrants are securely hand-cuffed, their faces passive. Tonight's haul represents just the latest statistic in the Hong Kong polica's unwinns-

ble battle against illegal immigrants from mainland China. They will be kept in custody overnight and then returned across the border, of a hefty fine. Last year, about 14,000 eye-eyes were netted in police operations. But the problem of illegal

immigration and smuggling will certainly not disappear next year. Unless China succeeds in securing territorial waters, Beijing will have no chance of ring-fencing Hong So vital are "grasses" in Kong with its untested philoscatching smugglers that as ophy of "one country, two



# Subtle shackles bind press



'Engineers of the human soul'? Andrew Higgins examines a media dilemma. And below, Patrick Donovan profiles a

proprietor hostile to Beijing

banner headlines in the Hong Kong press. By a margin of 45 to 15, legislators denounced a Beijing-backed plan for legal changes after

ing on this unprecedented rebuke to the colony's future master was Wen Wei Po. an organ loyal to China. Its headline was : "Many Legislators Strongly Criticise Britain." The newspaper printed lengthy quotations from the handful of legislators who had voiced sympathy for Chi-na's stand and made no men-

tion whatsoever of the vast majority who had denounced Unhappy with the outcome of the vote, Wen Wei Po ig-

nored it.

This, say pessimists, is the future of press freedom in Hong Kong, And, according to a recent survey, such pessi-mism is widespread. Threequarters of the colony's jour nalists expect to see press freedom curtailed after 1997. Hong Kong's population of 6.4 million supports more than 70 daily newspapers. Appearing in Chinese, English and even braille, they range from horse-racing tip sheets to weighty broadsheets. As

the handover approaches, however, both economics and

versity.

A price war that started in December has claimed four titles, including a paper that broke the news of Britain's pledge to hand back Hong Kong, axed some 660 jobs and slashed the survivors' profits. More menacing still is Hong Kong's now imminent union with a system for which press freedom is anathema and which, in the words of China's President Jiang Ze-min, regards journalists as "engineers of the human

tic about the free flow of in-formation in post-1997 Hong

clear that neither press free-dom nor media independence exist in the dictionary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)," says Kam Ylu-yu, a eteran communist and for mer editor of Wen Wei Po who split with the party over the 1989 Tiananm

Summoned to Beljing after the crackdown, along with other editors of pro-China publications in Hong Kong, Mr Kam was told by prime minister Li Peng: "Since your newspapers are sponsored by the CCP and fed by the CCP you say what the party says." Pressure on non-commu-

nist organs is far more subtle but, he says, will be increas-ingly hard to resist as mainland companies become im-portant advertisers and journalists learn a code of meeping self-censorship. The Basic Law, Hong Kong's future constitutition, guarantees "freedom of

speech, of the press and of publication". At the same time, it enjoins the govern- Many fear China will be ment to "enact laws to pro-tempted to pull the trigger. It

hibit any act of treason, seces-sion, sedition, subversion Government, or theft of state

No journalist in Hong Kong has forgotten how a colleague, Xi Yang, was declared a spy and is now serving 12 years for an article about interest rate changes. Another Hong Kong journalist was detained after obtaining an advance copy of a public speech by Jiang Zemin. Her Chinese

Jang Zemm. Her Chinese source was jailed for life.
Daisy Li. a journalist at Ming Pao and chair of the Hong Kong Journalists' Association (HKJA), criticises Britain for not purging statute books of colonial era legislation originally designed to gag pro-communist publications. Of 17 laws which the HKJA asked the government to revise or delete four years ago, only three have been modified, leaving what Ms Li calls a "loaded pistol pointed at the head of the media".

hedges pledges of press free-dom with demands for "patriotism". The fact that China is represented in Hong Kong by Xinhua, nominally a news agency, highlights how politics permeates its view of the

Zhang Junsheng, deputy di-rector of Xinhua News Agency and, like most staff, a non-journalist, insists that "for reasons of legality, mo-rality and social responsi-bility, certain self-restraint to the reading the recognition (in the media) is necessary for everyone. To oppose such self-restraint is utterly unreason-able." This, he says, will en-sure that "not only will press freedom not decline after 1997, it will increase".

Communist Party policy towards the Hong Kong media is inspired in part by the "united front" tactics it used in Shanghai and other large cities during China's civil war. This involves wooing "those who can be united" while isolating more steadfast

An example of this was its

leading English-language newspaper, the South China Morning Post, to a preparafor the handover, along with bosses of the territory's teleeuls with media interests.

According to Contemporary, a now-defunct magazine set up by well-connected, mostly communist journalists who broke with China over Tiananmen, Beijing has clas-sified Hong Kong's press into four categories: obediently pro-China; neutral and vul nerable to manipulation; neutral but tilting towards Tai wan; hostile and must be isolated and attacked.

Ta Kung Pao, a loyal pro-China organ, recently gave a definition of press freedom after the handover: "Different newspapers can have differ-ent points of view, but they cannot turn their back on the truth of things ... Press free-dom after 1997 is not a worry for those who hold no prejudice and embrace no hostile

#### Money is not the point for press baron who dubbed communist prime minister a 'turtle egg with a zero IQ'

IMMY LAI brushes closure of his Beijing stance. He launched the takes as the sole Hong Kong press baron prepared to defy Beijing. His Apple Daily, with a circulation of 300,000, has already deeply offended the Chinese gov-ernment, by criticising its prime minister as a "turtle egg with a zero IQ".
The authorities promptly

clothes retailer through which he built up an estimated £130 million fortune Then they refused visas, and access to official briefings, to reporters on Mr Lai's Apple Daily. With the Chinese take-

over 15 months away. Mr Lai says there are no plans politics are conspiring to retaliated by ordering the to water down the editorial

"brings me far more peace than simply being rich".

Mr Lai. who had no school education and arrived in the colony as a 12year-old refugee, insists His argument is borne journalists, he at least enthat the loss-making Apple out in Apple's fast-growing joys the security of a full empire will shortly break sales, which have given the British passport.

into the black. But he adds: "Money is not the point. I have plenty. I am an intel-lectual and not primarily interested in wealth".

There is an underlying mmercial objectiv this contrary stance. Mr Lei claims that newspaper the Tiananmen Square circulation in nong massacre—and following falling generally because the public are bored with ask tough questions in Beljthemselves they will not attract readers".

populist title the second highest circulation figures in Hong Kong — despite a vicious price war that this year has seen two other Chinese-language titles go Mr Lai is now looking to

float Apple and its sister the Hong Kong stockmarket by the beginning of next

Enforced closure by Beijing is a possibility he refixes to contemplate. But unlike many of his Apple

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## Humbling of king 'hong'

## Outlook

Roger Cowe

(\$103 million) loss taken by Hongkong Land when it agreed yesterday to sell its disastrous investment in Trafalgar House to Kvaerner is just the latest in a series of misfortunes to befall its ultimate owner — the mighty Jardine empire.

Over the past few years a series of blunders, both commercial and political, have dented the group's previous image of impregnability, as well as losing it lots of money and damaging its position in the run-up to next year's handover to China.

The Jardine empire is far from being on its knees, but it is also far from being the mightiest of the "hong" conglomerates, as it was until the mid-1980s after a century and a half of doing business in and around Hong Kong. In September, Jardine Matheson had to warn that 1995 profits would be lower than the pre-

vious year. William Jardine was one of the early British traders (with opium their key trading commodity) to build up a business with China, the pro-tection of which led to Britain establishing its Hong Kong

For more than 100 years the Jardine families and Jardine Matheson, as their holding company became known. dominated Hong Kong.
The Jardine empire was

also well-established in China — at the time of the revolution it employed a quarter of a million people there and virtually ran Shanghai. Its loss of assets to the Chinese and its drug-dealing past may partly explain why Jardine has seemed to be more concern, culminating in the group's departure from the local stock market, bave

rebounded badly.

Defensive moves against the danger of a Hong Kong collapse in the run-up to next year's deadline began as long ago as 1964. The domicile of the Jardine companies was moved to Bermuda, which led ing, after the stock exchange here refused to continue the listing while regulation was left in the hands of the Bermudan authorities.

Jardine has protested repeatedly that it has not left Hong Kong, Hongkong Land still owns a huge chunk of Hong Kong, and the Jardine name is still prominent. There remains, too, the clutch of locally quoted companies: dine Fleming, Jardine Pacific, which is itself a conglomer ate, and Jardine Strategic Holdings, through which the stake in Hongkong Land is

It is also true that Jardine has not run away from China. It has plenty of joint venture projects to show as proof of

cerned than many other Hong | that. But the Chinese authori-Kong businesses about the ties do not seem to have taken handover to China. But at | kindly to what can be interties do not seem to have taken kindly to what can be inter-preted as a vote of no confidence in them by leaving the stock market. That is widely thought to be behind various obstructions put in the way of Jardine projects.

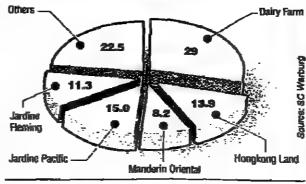
About 60 per cent of profits still come from Hong Kong and China. Nevertheless, the group has tried to diversify. and that is where it has met commercial problems, such as the doomed investment in ders go back to the early 1980s, when Jardine was

badly hit by the Hong Kong property crash, just after it had bought expensive property assels.
That led to sell-offs to shore up the balance sheet, but some of those disposals in-

cluded prime properties -just ahead of the next property boom. All told. Jardine is estimated to have sold assets

from Hong Kong and China worth more than \$7 billion and to have invested that money, and more, elsewhere. The trouble is that those investments have not paid off. The signs are that the emphasis now will be nearer home.

## Jardine Matheson Estimated % of pratos profit, 1995



## Bank of China plans held up

Patrick Common

LANS by the Beijing-controlled Bank of China to use the City of London as the base for a global investment banking operation are being held up by the Bank of England.

An application for a banking licence was put in to the British authorities more than six months ago, according to Zhang Hongya, deputy chair-man of the BOC's Hong Kong and Macau division. But Mr Zhang, who has op-erational control over a finan-

cial giant commanding as much as 25 per cent of all bank deposits in Hong Kong, said the Bank of England has tightened up its criteria for granting licences to foreign

Although he was careful to avoid criticising the Bank of England directly, in an inter-view with the Guardian he claimed that the Baring and Daiwa derivatives scandals had prompted the British cen-

tougher line. The expansion move repreland China's infrastructure. the colony's loan business.

He said the bank was in the process of establishing Bank of China International and investment banking was now seen as a key priority.

The Bank of China had singled out London as its fa-

voured operational centre because of the City's unparal-leled track record as a centre for international finance. Mr Zhang refused to com-ment on whether the Bank would consider expanding through acquisition of an existing western bank. And he insisted that despite its

restructuring there was no intention to seek a listing of the Bank's own shares. The Bank had previously been widely rumoured to be looking at western take-over targets and was regarded as the most likely buyer of Standard Chartered's securities arm. This business, however.

has been snapped up by a Bangkok-based buyer. Insisting that western credit agencies have failed to balance sheet, Mr Zhang said that the institution's Hong Kong-based assets have The expansion move to help sented a main plank in the Bank of China's drive to help billion (nearly US\$10 billion). But he added that the Bank

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HE Champion Hurdle picture cleared yester-day when Richard Dun-

woody confirmed that he will ride Alderbrook, the 4-5

favourite, at Cheltenham next Tuesday.
The decision came as it was

revealed that Dermot Weld's

Fortune and Fame, the horse Dunwoody was due to ride,

would not run.

Dunwoody, who schooled Fortune and Fame after rac-

trainer, who was also at Windsor, was relieved at Dun-

(Master Oats) winners in the

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## Norman strikes spare Cobra

David Davies on a win the Australian owed to his wife, coach and two dogs

REG NORMAN turned apparent catastrophe into total triumph in winning the Doral Ryder Open in Miami on Sunday. The victory, with a 19-under-par 269, two shots ahead of Vijay Singh and Michael Bradley, had seemed unlikely midway through the final

morning.
Norman had to play four holes of the third round in this rain-affected event early on Sunday, and at the last hooked his tee shot almost into the water. He salvaged a wonderful par, but immedi-ately after the round doubts

began to set in. He had at first thought that his drive at the 18th had been hit off the toe, but further con-sideration led him to the practice range. "What had really happened," he said after his win, "was that the driver had gone dead. Something inside the head had caved in. I was hitting my three-wood further than the driver."

Normally there would be no problem. "I always have two drivers with me," said Norman, "but in this case because I was living at home I did not "Home however week." did not." Home, however, was a four-hour round-trip by car up the Florida Turnpike, so emergency measures were

right-hand corner of the workbench, and bring all the drivers you can find."

She did so, met the helicop-ter near their home, flew back

to Doral and delivered the

clubs to Norman with half an

hour to spare. "Fortunately she had the one I needed. I had time to hit about 20 shots

with it on the range, and that was it. I have never, never

gone on to the course so under-prepared with a club." The club in question was a

Enter Norman's wife, Laura, and his Bell Jet Ranger, his jet-black helicop-ter with "Shark" in gold lettering on the side.

Norman, having travelled to work at Doral in it, despatched it back home, and meantime rang Laura. "Go into my workshop," he said to an appropriate space-age



last year and some faults have crept into my game since then. But these days these

coaches are so popular you have to make appointments

There were two final pieces

in the puzzle that helped Norman to his win. They are called Foster and V.B., names that will be familiar to Australian beer drinkers, and

Norman has a putting green and bunker in his back

with them, not them you."

Driving force . . . Greg Norman looks for the fairway off the 5th tee on his way to victory at the Doral Open in Miami

Norman. "I only had one mis-hit with it," he said, "so I'll probably keep it." which has given Norman sev-eral things to work on. "I hadn't seen him since August

probably keep it."
At least it earned its keep
on Sunday. Norman won

\$334,000 (£220,000) from the \$1.8 million pot, enough to cover the cost of any extra

helicopter fuel. He was delighted with his

win, but not in the conventional sense. "To win while not playing your best, while not on full song, is great. I certainly wasn't as sharp as I

like to be this week." This de-

spite a chance meeting with his regular coach Butch Har-

his non-golfing wife, "to the | metal for a high flier such as | led to a practice session | working hard on that aspect of my game," he said yester-day, "and this week was one of the best I've had for chipping and putting. You need that when you're not as sharp as you'd like."

Foster and V.B. were witnesses to that work. "They come out with me, one sits by the bunker and the other by

the green and they're my gal-

lery. It can get awfully lonely out there by yourself." So that is the recipe for vic-

 Germany's Sven Struver has won the European Tour Golfer of the Month award for tory these days on the US Tour. One helicopter, one helpful wife, one coach revisited and two labrador dogs. It

mer European Ryder Cup captain, will become President of the Golf Foundation, the body responsible for developing junior talent, at its annual meeting today. Ian Peacock, chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association since 1986, will succeed Findlay

is no longer. if it ever was, been chosen to stage the 2004 just a walk in the park.

· Bernard Gallacher, the for-

Picken as chairman of the Foundation's council.

same year. Dunwoody could well add his name to such a feat for he rides One Man, the 5-4 favourite, in the Gold Cup. Maurice Camacho, the Malton trainer, was not imsix-lengths win in yesterday's Racing Channel Novice Chase at Doncaster and said that his eight-year-old will not run in the Sun Alliance Chase at

Cheltenham next week.
"I expected to come here and see Avro Anson win com-fortably, but I thought that was a moderate effort," said Camacho. "It wasn't his jumping that disappointed me—that was adequate. He just didn't travel very well in the race and I believe he needs to be more competitive.

"I can only say with respect to all the other horses in the

ing at Leopardstown on Sunday, announced his plans at Windsor yesterday. He explained: "Fortune and Fame did a good piece of work, but obviously Mr Weld was not race that it wasn't a very good show."

Smith's Band, a 20-1 shot for the Martell Grand National, has had a training setback and will miss the race happy with him. I am very happy getting the ride on Al-derbrook, it is a great opportunity."

Kim Bailey, Alderbrook's at Aintree on March 30. Jenny Pitman's son Mark said: "Smith's Band has had a successful year (winning three times) but won't run

again this season.

"It is nothing too serious and, hopefully, he will be back for all the big races next woody's decision to continue the partnership which was successful in Kempton's Levy Board Hurdle last month.

Bailey, desperate to finalise riding plans after his stable Smith's Band's defection still leaves Mrs Pitman with jockey Norman Williamson was sidelined by injury, said: "I'm delighted everything has three entries in the race, in-cluding last year's winner Royal Athlete

been fixed up."
A spokesman for Michael
Smurfit, sponsor of the Cham-Jimmy FitzGerald's horses have been running well lately and the Malton trainer looks pion Hurdle and part-owner of Fortune and Fame, said: all set to gain his sixth win-ner in the last fortnight with Rustic Air in the Robin and "The decision to miss Chel-tenham for the second time in John Simpson Memorial Handicap Chase at Sedgefield the last three years was taken

on veterinary advice.
"Fortune And Fame is not today.

Rustic Air has had her share of injuries and her run lame and Mr Weld was happy with his work at Leopard-stown, but the decision has at Nottingham last month was her first since winning a been made not to travel on veterinary advice." novice chase by seven lengths at Market Rasen three years Last season, Williamson became the first jockey since Fred Winter in 1961 to ride both the Champion Hurdle (Alderbrook) and Gold Cup

She was in the lead when falling two out, but made no mistake at Leicester last month when, eased right down on the run-in, she sauntered home by three and a half lengths from Ardcroney

Rustic Air (4.00) should have further improvement in her and a 7lb penalty for that easy victory may not stop her

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# **FA** concern bookings'

HE Football Association fears that players may be manipulating the disciplinary sys-tem to guarantee their availability for key matches. But without proof the FA cannot act against them or their

fence," said the FA's spokesman Steve Double. "We would abhor any player seeking a booking but we can't ignore

The Aston Villa striker Savo Milosevic and defender Ugo Ebiogu did not look wholly unhappy to be cau-tioned in stoppage time at Liverpool on Sunday. They

Anfield match a point away from a one-match ban, and incurred it when he was shown

a yellow card for kicking the ball away. Ehiogu's challenge from be transfer.

hind on Robbie Fowler could. as Villa's manager Brian Lit-tle expects, be classified as a four-pointer, which would take the defender over 21 points for a single-match ban. However, the referee may have interpreted the offence as "ungentlemanly conduct"

points and would leave Ehiogu still short of breachmine what is in a player's mind when he commits an offence," said the FA's area of the said the sa against Sheffield Wednesday or Queens Park Rangers this week he would miss Wembley after all.
"Villa and the referee were not in a position to know how many points Eblogu's caution

against Liverpool was worth," said Double. "It is not the ref-

eree who decides, it is us. The players' bookings may tioned in stoppage time at Liverpool on Sunday. They believe they will have served suspensions in time to play in the Coca-Cola Cup final on March 24.

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## Uefa finally toes the free-agent line

Stephen Bates in Brussels

EFA yesterday deliv-ered what it hopes is the definitive Bosman verdict by finally agreeing that players who are out of contract and want to move from one country to another can no longer be blocked from doing so by

The about-turn came after months of procrastination and a series of threats from the European Commission, which planned to fine Uefa heavily if it failed to fall into line by yesterday's deadline. Whether the EC will let

the matter rest there remains to be seen. When the verdict was originally at the end of their contract delivered, fears were expressed that all transfers now move to another would be ruled illegal. English club for nothing However, the Premier eague has always insisted

European Economic Area is no longer applicable and will not be enforced." The EEA comprises the 15

EU states, plus Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland. Liverpool's Michael Thomas is among those who will take a keen interest in Uefa's decision. The midfielder, who has attracted interest from the Italian sides Atalanta and Torino, is currently negotiating a new contract and can demand a free transfer abroad. However, Liver-

he will stay at Anfield. The ruling also means that EC nationals playing abroad become free agents when his contract expires.

Uefa has also caved in on that a major overhaul is the three-plus-two system Yesterday's news was players in European compe-elayed by an BC spokes-titions and is holding disrelayed by an EC spokes—titions and is holding dis-man, who confirmed that cussions with players' Uefa's letter said: "We are unions and national associ-

#### Scotland prepare to call up Forest keeper Crossley

MARK CROSSLEY may find himself playing for Scotland against England at Wembley in the European Championship. The Notting-ham Forest goalkeeper, who has a Scottish grandparent, is In creating such competi-being lined by Craig Brown to tion for places, with under-21 against Denmark in Copenhagen on April 23.

Initially Forest's manager Frank Clark had blocked Scotland moves for Crossley because of the three-foreigner rule for European club competitions. But with that now scrapped, Brown says Clark

Duncan Ferguson, who spent six weeks in fail this season for a head-butt on the pitch, is also in contention for The Everton striker was one of the 32 players summoned to an informal get-together at

Troon yesterday.
Brown revealed that he had mentally pencilled in the first 16 of the final 22-man squad

three of the younger guys."

• Alan Lawrence, the Hearts forward, was given the equivalent of an sending-off — and one-match ban — by the SFA disciplinary committee yes-terday for elbowing the Rangers defender Craig Moore in the face during their

manager said the match against Australia on March 27 would give him the oppor-tunity to assess some of the fringe players, including the Everton striker and Blackburn's Kevin Gallacher. They are two I would like to

internationals such as Jackie McNamara of Celtic, Stephen Glass of Aberdeen and Charlie Miller of Rangers also in contention. Brown has started a dog-fight. "It's not a piece of psychology to get them on their toes," he said. "It is simply a fact. Unless something unforeseen happens and as long as they remain fit, the final squad should come from this 32 plus

match at Ibrox in October. The incident was reported by but was "open-minded" about the incident was reported the other six. The Scotland the supervisor in the stand.

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**Uefa Cup, quarter-final first leg:** Bayern Munich v Nottingham Forest

# on 'planned Bayern history on Forest's side



## **Woan bites the bullet**

Martin Thorpe on a getting of wisdom for the Forest winger with the rocket shot

AN WOAN's two laser- enough to give Clark mild in-guided free-kicks against digestion, but what he read guided free-kicks against Tottenham last week did more than fire some writing to confirm that the ations to try to find a system for out-of-tem that will protect forest's flagging spirits prior contract players moving national identities. also brought the deliverer some idolatrous headlines to erase memories of the last time his name appeared so prominently in print.

On December 10 last year Forest's 28-year-old leftwinger was sitting in the dressing room two hours before the league game against Aston Villa when Frank Clark strode in. Woan, like everybody else, was expecting the manager to give a team talk. Instead Clark pointed to him. "I think it's better if you leave the room," he starkly told one of the club's most respected players. Woan, in front of his team-mates and just before a crucial match, was dropped and sent home. Clark had been seething. Over breakfast he had read a newspaper interview in which Woan moaned about the amount of money the club

contract. That alone was

next had him choking on his cornflakes: Woan said Forest did not stand a chance of beating Bayern Munich. In fact, the player had made

the comment as an off-the-record aside after the newspaper interview was over and had not expected to see it in print. Clark, not knowing this, was angry that one of his most senior players was going into a game thinking the team

could not win.

When he arrived at the ground that day, Clark sent an emissary to check with Woan whether the article was a fair reflection of his words. Woan, not realising that the Bayern quote had been added, said it was. So Clark, thinkby the Bayern quote, dropped

The next day Woan, a natu-The next day Woan, a naturally intelligent and friendly person, explained his side of the story. Not only that, he quickly signed the new contract. Conspiracy theorists ture. I applied myself a lot hailed this as a Clark masterstroke of psychology in finally getting the player to fitter and better focused."

The next day Woan, a naturallim that it's my profession and I have to be fully committed.

"Two years ago I decided to bite final result of the tie? "It will be a difficult two games but we have defended well so far and we're no pushovers," he says. Henry Klssinger could not have put it more diplomatically.

Such is the turn-around b sign. But really Woan had ! come quickly to realise that his game that he can now Forest were the club he regularly be found back in wanted to play for and where his own area defending. he wanted to stay.

He says of the Bayern quote;

"Somebody I thought was a friend dropped me in it by quoting it. But I was naive to

say what I did. The gaffer blew a fuse, and though I was angry at the time, looking back he was right to leave me out. It has been a lesson to me." It is in Woan's nature to learn from his mistakes, al-

though he possesses a natural laissez-faire attitude to life. "If there's ever been a block to him making progress in this game it is that he's been too laid-back," says Clark. Two years ago Woan de-cided to do something about it, goaded by a comment from the manager. "The boss said, 'You walk too much on the pitch to be a professional foot-baller. I realised that my

style of play is always going to be an acquired taste, but I've recently come to accept that it's my profession and I have to be fully committed.

Usfa Cup ties has been the one to clear the ball off the Taking football seriously

does not come easily to Woan. He loves the game and will always give his all, but he came to the professional side of it late, signed by Brian Clough at 22 while training as a quantity surveyor and playing part-time for Runcorn. He knows there is more to life than 10 years of glamour and

"I've tasted life outside the game and I realise it will one day come to an end," he says. end-all of my life."

Tonight there is a job to be done and a contribution to be made: another howitzer freekick, some telling crosse and, given the likely shape of the game, a couple more goalline clearances.

Martin Thorpe in Munich

T WAS snowing when Nottingham Forest landed here yesterday, a chilly reminder of the winter I slog through Sweden and France that has brought Frank Clark's team, improba bly, to the last eight of this competition. Tonight they face the cold reality of just what that means. This is high-altitude foot-

ball. As a test of Forest's nerve and resilience, Bayern Munich offer a challenge infinitely greater than any pre-sented by Malmo, Auxerre or Lyon. Forest are in with the big boys now, playing a club whose list of employees reads like a history of Germany football: Beckenbauer, the president; Karl-Heinz Rummigge, the vice-president; Uli Hoeness, the general man-ager; Gerd Müller, the youth coach; Klinsmann, the

What chance Stone and Woan, Chettle and Lyttle against an institution of such against an institution of such power and pedigree? The im-pulsive assessment is to pre-dict that tonight Bayern will, in keeping with their stadi-im's Olympic tradition, run rings round the last British side left in Europe and go on to with this quarter finel the to win this quarter-final tie. But that is to ignore one of the main laws of this season's tournament; never write off Nottingham Forest, Defensive-minded they may be, lucky they most certainly are, but only a fool would under-estimate the collective will

and spirit that has got the Premiership side this far.
History is also on their side: Bayern have lost five out of their last six European ties against English clubs, or himinating in Neurope's culminating in Norwich's amous victory here in 1994. Bayern have, however, looked impressive in this season's Uefa Cup, with Klinsmann scoring 11 goals in their six games. This is a worry for

"Bayern offer a different threat from the other teams we've played," said Clark "They have players capable of everyone. This gareally hurting you in front of team's biggest test."

ball, Malmo, Auxerre and Lyon did not."

However, since returning from their domestic winter break, Bayern's supermen -dinov. Helmer, etc — have struggled. They lost their first two games after the interlude before thrashing the bottom side Uerdingen 6-1, then on Saturday beating their city neighbours 1860 4-2 with two goals from Klinsmann and two from his new young strik-

ing partner Zickler, who has replaced Kostadinov. But even this result offered Forest some hope because, after expending much effort to lead 4-0, Bayern faded in the second half through, say local reports, lack of fitness. This may explain Bayern's inability to produce consistent performances over 90 minutes this season and offers Forest, dow of scoring opportunity late in the game.

Of course Forest will hope they are not 4-0 down by then. Whether they are will depend largely on their de-fence, and here the news is mixed. The most impressive defender in recent games, suspension but the captain Pearce, who has been out injured since January, looks likely to return, offering an immeasurable psychological boost to the side.

Cooper is replaced by Haaland, who has pace but is short of understanding with Chettle. Clark is expected to play two up front, Campbell and Roy, rather than withdraw one of them and pack the midfield. Bayern are without the injured defender Bab-bel but Matthaus, now a weeper, says he will play de-

spite a recent knock.
"We will have to do a lot of defending," said Clark in his usual understated way, "And we are underdogs. But we've been written off before. If we can concentrate and play with the same discipline as in the previous games we can get through. But we will need a maximum contribution from everyone. This game is the

#### Forest fans arrested after punch-ups

Forest supporters at the weekend. A thousand police and

stewards will be inside the ground tonight and some 200 outside. All spectators will be searched as they enter the stadium. Drunken Forest fans picked fights in bars, scuf-

fled with police and attacked passers-by in the city's pedestrian zone. An undercover police officer was hurt after being thrown on to underground rail tracks. A police statement said

most of the people taken into custody were aged be-tween 22 and 35. Police said the worst incident occurred in the fashionable Schwabing district of the city, where 13 Forest supporters taunted a customer and the owner tried to eject them with the help of tear gas. The men face charges including disturbing the peace, assault and theft.
Some 1,500 official Forest supporters will arrive

#### No Dutch treat for Barcelona

GERMAN police have tightened security around tonight's match in to the European Cup final and in more than one of Munich after detaining twice in the past four years, Forest's backs-to-the-wall more than 20 Nottingham face a tough test against PSV Eindhoven in tonight's Uefa

Cup quarter-final.
The Spanish club, currently second in the league, have yet to recover from the loss of the Brazilian striker Romario and two of the men who pean Cup in 1992, the Dutch defender Ronald Koeman and the Bulgarian forward Hristo

Stoichkov. PSV, leading the Dutch league by a point from the European champions Ajax, boosted their confidence with a 3-0 win over Roda JC Kerkrade on Saturday. The Czech league leaders

Slavia Prague have played only one match since the end of the winter break but are still confident at home to Roma in their quarter-final. "If we get a two-goal win I think that even in the furnace of Rome's stadium we will get a good result and go through," said their captain Jan Suchoparek. AC Milan, Italy's other club

in the last eight, seem to have little to fear from the visit of Bordeaux, currently 16th in the French league.

#### Results

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Group A: Australia v West Indies

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ICHIE RICHARDSON

was granted respite yesterday from what he described as the

most wretched days of his life.

as he summoned up what may prove to be his last great in-nings to spare West Indies an early exit from the World Cup.

Only 24 hours after contem-

plating his likely replacement

as captain, amid denuncia-tion over West Indies' humili-ating defeat by Kenya, he con-firmed that he would be able to face his fate with his self-

esteem and religious faith

It is difficult to imagine

that Richardson has batted with more contentment in

recent times than he did in leading West Indies to a four-wicket win, with seven balls

to spare, against the Group A runners-up Australia. His un-

beaten 93 was the perfor-mance of a man whose utter

despair had brought a cleans ing of the mind and a stirring of the spirit.

Richardson, a devout Chris-

tian, faced success just as he had faced failure, with consid-erable dignity. "Things have been rough," he said, "but I believe in God, and life isn't

meant to be easy. You have to struggle to be successful.
"Nothing changes. If the players think I'm not the right

captain, or the board asks me

to stand down, I will do so. I'm

a grown man. I'm not going to be hurt and curse people. But what matters in this World

Cup is what happens in the end. If we can beat Australia we can beat anyone."

vent West Indies reaching the quarter-finals, although as

they are there likely to face the

Group B winners South Africa, yesterday's victory may well

be a temporary reprieve. As Richardson left the field

he was met on the boundary's

edge by poignant embraces from most of the West Indies

squad. Gratitude for their

own deliverance, perhaps, but also pleasure for a batsman nearing the end of a distin-

On a crusty and uneven pitch Australia's 229 for six

had looked adequate, but they were already assured of quali-

fication and it showed. They

Mike Selvey in Karachi

whose international career seemed to have ground to a halt after a disas-

trous tour of South Africa.

has been given an opportu-nity to play in the World Cup

The Middlesex batsman is

flying out to Pakistan as a

replacement for the injured Neil Fairbrother, who is on

his way home today. England

already have one replacement

in the party. Dermot Reeve

having taken over from Craig

hamstring while fielding dur-

ing the defeat by Pakistan on

Sunday. The organising com-mittee's specialist inspected

Saturday's quarter-final

match against Sri Lanka.

Under such circumstances a

replacement is allowed. England's tour manager

Raymond Illingworth will have considered the claims of

Nasser Hussein, who had an outstanding tour of Pakistan as captain of the A team earlier in the winter, but it is

Fairbrother damaged a

ARK RAMPRAKASH

neither bowled nor fielded with their usual intensity and Richardson batted judiciously

guished career.

Only an improbable win for Kenya against Sri Lanka in Kandy tomorrow can now pre-

unimpaired.

**WORLD CUP CRICKET** 

Relief as Richardson

tation to cut or pull.
His fulfilment had looked

far from preordained. A

reshuffled order, including

Courtney Browne at opener

and specialist batsmen at Nos. 7 and 8, could hardly be

Nos. 7 and 8, could hardly be described as successful, and he overbowled Keith Arthurton's left-arm spin in the morning as Australia recovered from painstaking beginnings. A less languid man would have run out Ricky Ponting, on 45, as the batsman hesitated over a single to mid-or All were to hearman hesitated over a single to mid-or All were to hearman hesitated over a single to mid-or All were to hearman hearman heart and hearman heart and hearman heart as hearman heart and hearman heart and hearman heart and hearman heart and he

mid-on. All were to become

Only Mark Waugh, whose

off-spin looks ever more pol-ished, threatened to under-

mine him. Waugh ended Brian Lara's volatile half-cen-

tury at deep square leg; Shivnarine Chanderpaul was bowled, pulling extrava-gantly; and Arthurton fell leg-before as he pushed forward

Scoreboard

WEST TRIDLES
S C Campbell or Healy b Fleming 1
TC O Browne run out 10
E C Lera c McGrath b M E Waugh 60
R E Richerdson not out 53
S Chanderpaul b M E Waugh 10
R A Harper low b Reffet 22
K J Arthurion 8w b M E Waugh 0
J C Adsman not out 17
Extrae (ib 12, e5, mb2) 19

"He has been on standby throughout." Illingworth said yesterday. "We had asked for

clarification on the replacement situation before we left

home and got nowhere.
"Then we went to the brief-

ing before the opening cere-

mony in Calcutta and we were told that any application

had to be made to the Pilcom

committee. But we were given

the impression that a replace-

ment had to come from the provisionally nominated

squad of 18 players." That restriction appears to

have been lifted, Australia

having called up Jason Gilles-

pie, not on any early lists, to

replace Craig McDermott, but Illingworth felt no need to

look outside his original

Ramprakash is neverthe-

less unlikely to be considered for Saturday's match in Fai-

salabad. Illingworth said as

much, although the possibil-ity of the batsman going

straight into the side cannot be ruled out.

Should England be knocked

out of the competition at the

the injury and agreed that it selections. "We are perfectly would not heal in time for happy with Ramprakash," he

WEST WOISS

mere details

from the start. Whenever the pressure threatened he inevitably received another invi-

that it would be Richardson,

not the Australian tiro Pont-

ing, who would prevail. Rich-

ardson, on 40, swung the off-

spinner to deep midwicket

and Ponting did well to clutch the catch but he careered

backwards over the line and

demolished an advertising board in the process.

Ponting's vast potential had

been evident in his second one-day century, 102 from 111 balls, which was conspicuous

for his ability to manoeuvre the ball into the gaps. Both his placement and the pace be

put on the ball, often seeking two runs where most players

would have settled for one spoke of great maturity.

masters at encouraging bats-

right time. A sequence begun by Geoff Marsh and Allan

Border has now been ex-tended by David Boon, whose international retirement has allowed Ponting to flourish.

less, not-to-be-messed-with Australian, a lad who still

lives in Mowbray, a working-class suburb of Launceston,

and probably always will as

long as the racecourse remains there. "Punter" Ponting likes nothing better than a flutter; when Mark Waugh suggested

that England would have the beating of Sri Lanka in the quarter-finals, the wager was

Mark Taylor, the Australia

captain, is of similar mind. Asked who would win the

World Cup he responded:

"Australia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan . . .

with the West Indies as

Beneath the roar of a generator, the blaring of car horns and the collapsing of

tables, someone really did ask: "What about England?" The query never found its

destination, and Taylor de-parted. It was just as well.

• The quarter-finals have so far thrown up only one cer-tainty: England will play Sri

rica v West Indies in Karachi.

However, Kenya and Zimba-bwe could both still qualify if

Ramprakash who has been weekend, his round-trip re-establish himself, Fair-given the vote of confidence. would certainly constitute brother has probably played

one of the more expensive net

practices. But England need

to cover themselves against

all eventualities in this part

"We would look foolish." Il-lingworth said, "if someone

broke a finger in a fielding practice or became ill during the night and we didn't have a

spare batsman to hand." Whereas Ramprakash may

have an unexpected chance to

of the world.

struck in no time.

outsiders.

**England send for Ramprakash** 

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pulls out the stops

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it to Gary Divorty. had had an unsettling effect at the club and had undermined attempts to plan for the

McNamara, who made two substitute appearances for in Fiji.

Great Britain against France Swinton signed Mark Riley

prepared to wait for Hull to arrive in the promised land. Centenary season, could help to ease Hull's financial prob-lems; debts are estimated at

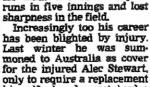
the Super League season with a home game against Shef-field Eagles on March 29, are being linked with the Auck-land Warriors and former New Zealand rugby union wing John Kirwan, who has a girlfriend in Italy and is

62 tries in 90 appearances.

an impressive scoring record with the Broncos, collecting Salford are hoping to sign the Kiwi Test forward Simon Angell, who played with Featherstone Rovers during the Centenary season. Salford recently signed another New Zealander, Paul Manson.

Ribot likened the recent court ruling against his organisa tion to a "punch on the nose" but was adamant that the ven-ture still had a future. He was speaking for the first time since Justice James Burchett

pretty bad."



Increasingly too his career has been blighted by injury. Last winter he was summoned to Australia as cover for the injured Alec Stewart. only to require a replacement himself when he sustained a shoulder injury. Yesterday he could not hide his disappointment.

his last international for Eng land. Never established as

Test batsman, he made a name for himself as a one-day

He played in 55 limited-overs internationals, includ-ing all the games in this com-

petition and nine in the last

World Cup, when he had an outstanding tournament.

scoring 285 runs at an average of 57, including 62 in the final. Now 32, he has been less

successful this time round. He made a total of only 68

disappointment.

"I've waited four years for another go at the World Cup and for it to end like this is very disappointing," he said.
"Perhaps losing the last World Cup final was a greater disappointment but this is pretty hed."

Illingworth and Atherton look safe as Lord's ponders other points

THE spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board will, a cynic might suggest, address Eng-land's humiliating performances with customary forthrightness.

The meeting, at Lord's today and tomorrow, will talk about points for a county draw, leg-side field-ing limitations, Wednesday starts to championship games in 1997 and the banning of overseas players from county cricket in 1999, when England will stage the next World Cup. The same cynic might say

that banning foreigners would represent England's only chance of winning the current tournament.
Despite England's dull showings, however, the po-sitions of Raymond Illing-worth and Michael Ather-

ton as team manager and captain will not be discussed until the executive committee of the TCCB

World Cup holders in a couple of weeks." Yet Illing-worth's dual role as team manager and chairman of selectors is certain to be a talking point, however

informal. The board will discuss the recommendation from its cricket committee that three points should be awarded for a draw in the County Championship. The traditional skill of fighting for a draw has, it is felt.

been lost as counties have increasingly risked defeat in the quest for victory.

The suggestion that there should be a maximum of day competitions should make life less confusing for bowlers required to be a confusion to the confusion to make life less confusing for No. 7 seat behind Ball at bowlers required to bowl to stroke, and the 6ft 8in Ameria 6-3 field one day and 5-4

the next. The banning of overseas players in 1999 would change little, but the experiment may be extended

Kevin Whyman, a former British junior international, coxes.

Oxford's Rob Clegg has not Oxford's Rob Clegg has not oxford by the coxing order.

to cover 2000.

The Queensland allrounder Stuart Law will be
Essex's overseas player meets in three weeks' time.
"Who knows," chirped
the board's chief executive
Alan Smith, "we could be Sri Lanka in early August.

"I'll be delighted to accom-pany him if that's how we can

nowadays prefer merely to caution the offender. When Scotland's centre Scott Has-

week's championship match against Ireland at Twicken-ham. Even if the RFU were to

Barbarians will meet Austra-lia there on December 7.

Bath have been given pertake pre-emptive action against him on the strength of video evidence — Sunday's Rugby Special programme showed his right arm swinging forward and upward at a problem. ruck - he would still have to Rowell has called on Eng-

Rugby Union

## **Rowell offers** to speak up for Leonard

Fobert Armstrong
finds England chief

Peter Clohessy of Ireland was given a 26-playing-week ban when a video showed him stamping on the head of the prepared to attend tomorrow's hearing

Jack Rowell has offered to represent Jason Leonard at tomorrow's meeting of ar a tumorrow's meeting of a Five Nations disciplinary commission in London. The Harlequins and England prop has been cited by the Scottish Rugby Union, which claims Rugby Union, which claims against South Africa against South Africa Meanwhile, the Irish RFU is to ask the Welsh RU for its England's 18-9 Calcutta Cup victory at Murrayfield on Irish television of what

pany him if that's how we can put our best foot forward. This is a new disciplinary procedure and we'll have to work our way through it." Rowell said yesterday at Twickenham, where the RFU announced that it would await the findings of the commission before taking any action.

and on Friday, writes national on Friday.

scotland's centre scott Has-tings threw a punch on Satur-day he was punished only with a penalty to England: asked about that yesterday Tony Hallett, the RFU secre-tary, said he hoped Leonard would receive "equitable treatment" should he be found guilty.

If suspended for foul play

France forward Olivier Roumat.

Leonard is also the second England forward in two years to be cited for foul play In June 1994 Tim Rodber was sent off after landing a series of punches on an opponent during a tour match against Eastern Province in Port Elizabeth. He was nevertheless allowed to play in England's next match, the second Test

looked like a case of stamping at a ruck during their A inter-national on Priday, teritos Lavid Plummer. The Ireland been playing the ball.

The RFU yesterday con

action.

Punching is a sending-off firmed its support in princioffence, though many referees ple for Italy to take part in a new Six Nations Champion ship, possibly next season. A meeting of the Five Nations Committee to discuss the sub-ject will be held this month. England have arranged two international matches at Twickenham late this year, against Italy on November 23 and Argentina on December treatment" should be be found guilty.

If suspended for foul play.
Leonard would miss next land or South Africa, and the

nappear before the Five land's senior clubs to restrict themselves to three foreign players in domestic competifor foul play in this season's tions to help the develop Five Nations tournament. of home-grown talent.

Rowing

## Cambridge led Captain's innings ... Richie Richardson (facing) is embraced by his West Indies team-mate Jimmy Adams after scoring 93 not out against Australia yesterday PHOTOGRAPH, AUT KLAMAR TO THE STATE TO THE BANK

Christopher Dodd

N LEAVING himself out of the crew he named yesterday. John Carver becomes the sixth Cambridge presi-dent not to row in the University Boat Race. He is being forced to conduct from the bank his club's attempt to win their fourth successive Beefeater Trophy in the 142nd race on April 6 because two operations to cure his "cars-

tis, have failed. Carver's men are mainly undergraduates and include only one Blue, last year's stroke Miles Barnett. Five of last year's outstanding reserve crew are included. Rob Waller, Seb Dawson-Bowling, Henry Clarke, Ju-lian Elliott and James Ball. can from Harvard. Ethan Ayer, is in the No.5 seat. Kevin Whyman, a former

man's wrist", or tenosynovi-

settled on his seating order. He is the only Blue and has named four Americans and a Canadian — a coincidence when a crew of actors are posing as Oxford to make a film.
True Blue, the story of the 1987 mutiny which also in-volved four Americans, John Hammond and the cox Todd Kristol are from Harvard. Ben Mann from Yale and Paul Berger from San Diego, and Jeremy Howick was a Canadian international in 1994. The three Britons — Adam Frost, Damian West and Edward Bellamy — are all for-mer junior internationals.

Both universities staged spectacularly close trials in fast times in December and are likely to be more evenly matched than for several years. This is the second successive year for each coaching team. Robin Wil-liams being in charge on the Cam and Penny Chuter coaching at Oxford, with Dan Topolski as the Dark Blues director of coaching.

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Rugby League

Paul Fitzpatrick

day and may interest Brad-ford Bulls and Wigan.

The Bulls, whose coach Brian Smith signed McNamara when in charge at the Boulevard, have been linked with the Great Britain player previously. But they will not buy at Hull's asking price of Hull agreed to McNamara's

transfer request, his third,

"reluctantly". They also took the club captaincy from the 24-year-old forward and gave Their chairman Allan Mason said that the uncertainty surrounding the player

TEVE McNAMARA, the Hull captain, was put on the transfer list yester-may interest Brad-may interest Brad-

The sale of McNamara, who kicked 101 goals during the £700,000 but are said to be Paris St Germain, who open

reported to be keen on a move to Europe. Paris are also reported to be interested in two Tongans who took part in

Ramprakash . . . flying out

Swinton signed Mark Riley from the London Broncos for an undisclosed fee yesterday. The 28-year-old half-back has

The Australasian Super League's chief executive John

ice Hockey

McNamara up for sale Play-offs luck for Steelers

Vic Batchelder HE Sheffield Steelers,

having retained the Premier Division title. gained ample additional reward when the draw for the British Championship playoff groupings was made.

The top pair in each of the

two groups will qualify for the semi-finals at Wembley on March 30, with the final the following day. With the Steel-ers and the second-placed Cardiff Devils seeded apart, lots were drawn to determine into which group the other six qualifiers would be

In all bar one of the draws seventh/eighth, the club joining Sheffield in Group A was the lower finisher of the two.

The exception saw the seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife. Now the lower seventh of the two seventh-placed Basingstoke beaten 9-5 in Fife.

fiers Newcastle Warriors. So the Steelers, having won the Benson and Hedges Cup last December and clinched the league title last week. remain on course to complete

the Grand Slam. It has been achieved by only Cardiff, Dundee and Durham, but surprisingly the Steelers' general manager Alex Dampier claimed: "The Grand Slam itself means nothing to me. Each individual trophy does, and the league title is the most important because with it goes European competition next season. That is a real bonus. It is nice to go there and it is nice to be somewhat competitive."

The Warriors scraped into the last championship play-off spot with Sunday's 7-3 home win over Slough while their rivals, the Milton

drawn ahead of the last quali-fiers Newcastle Warriors. Warriors go for glory and a place at Wembley while the Kings must battle for survival with the bottom team, Slough. and the top six clubs in the Pirst Division in the play-offs to decide relegation and proform a Super League next season, however, so all that may

> The financially troubled Billingham Bombers will be glad to see the back of the 1995-96 season after their final league game next weekend. The Bombers could muster only eight skaters and two goalminders for the Division One game at Swindon on Sunday. The home side showed no sympathy, beating them

Sport in brief **Table Tennis** 

Lisa Lomas, the only Briton

to have qualified for two events in the sport at this July's Olympic Games, may miss next month's European Championships in Bratislava. torites Richard Jago. The 28year-old England No. 1 has been advised to rest for two months because of a trapped motion. There are plans to nerve which gives her pain in her back and affects her right

arm and fingers. Boxing

Steve Collins yesterday invited Nigel Benn to challenge him for his WBO super-mid-dleweight title. Benn may reconsider his decision to title to Sugar Boy Malinga in Newcastle last weekend. Col. had a commanding lead of lins, of Ireland, defends his limin 29sec over his team. title against Britain's Neville mate Kenneth Eriksson with

Motor Racing

championship debut when he replaces Taki Inoue of Japan in the Minardi-Ford team in Sunday's Australian Grand Prix. Fisichella, 23, was the Italian Formula Three champion in 1994 and raced touring cars for Alfa Romeo last season.

Swimming The South African Penny

Heyns broke the women's 100 metres breaststroke world record in Durban yesterday. Heyns, swimming in a heat at the South African national championships, clocked 1min 7.46sec, beating the record of 1.7.69 held by Samantha Riley of Australia since September 1994.

**Motor Sport** 

The world champion Colin retire, made after he lost his McRae is poised for victory in the Rally of Thailand. The Scot, in a Subaru Impreza 555, had a commanding lead of

Brown in Millstreet on one leg remaining.
Saturday. Eriksson lost his closest pursuer for second place when Mitsubishi's Tommi The Italian Giancarlo Fisi- Makinen retired with transchella will make his world mission trouble.

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# SportsGuardian

#### FRENCHMAN'S STRIKE CUTS NEWCASTLE'S LEAD TO ONE POINT

Premiership: Newcastle United 0, Manchester United 1

## Cantona turns the screw

David Lacey

GOAL from Eric Cantona early in the second half. following a series of saves by Peter Schmeichel early in the first reduced Newcastle United's ead at the top of the Premiership to one point at St James' Park last night as Manchester United forced their way into a match which at one point had seen them reduced to the role of bewildered bystanders.

While this match was never going to settle the argument at the top of the Premiership. each team was in a position to make an important debating point — three if possible. The championship was still New-castle's to lose, but a victory for Manchester United would remind everyone that it might be Old Trafford's, or even Antield's, to win.

Kevin Keegan's team went into the game with 13 successive home league victories, istry had been disturbed by goings and comings.

Manchester United had

won their previous eight games, home and away, and the 6-0 demolition of Bolton at Burnden Park just over a week earlier had shown a team brimming with form and confidence. Alex Ferguson's players knew, more-over, that if Newcastle were going to be caught even a draw represented a weak

For Keegan, David Batty was rather the opposite. Having been signed from Black-burn last Thursday, Batty had expected to miss the game by completing a two match suspension. But a loophole in the regulations, com-bined with Peacock's ankle injury, brought £3.75 millions worth of tenacity straight into the Newcastle team.

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Nowhere to go . . . Newcastle's Les Ferdinand finds his way blocked by a determined Steve Bruce at St James' Park last night

injury. This restored Gary Neville alongside Bruce at centre-back. It also robbed United of important height at the heart of their defence. Manchester United had Schmeichel to thank for not going two down in the opening four minutes. Asprilla,

teasing their defence from the

start, twice sent Ferdinand clear of the last defender but each time Schmeichel denied

The Dane bravely blocked Ferdinand's first shot then saved the second with one fouled the Colombian in try hand. In the eighth minute Asprilla switched the ball ing to get it back. Albert's 25-yard free-kick rebounded

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again found Schmeichel equal to the moment clear the rebound and after for hands. The frustration Luck and the crossbar saved Manchester United into the goalmouth Ferdinand having just seen a close-range after 21 minutes. Butt gave the ball to Asprilla and then wafted it into the stands.

Asprilla continued to catch the eye, and the tackles. Phil Neville went the way of Butt for bringing the Newcastle man down from behind, and Gary Neville survived loud appeals for a penalty when United were living on their

> problems lay in the time it took for Cantona to become an influence on the game. Ginola, on the other hand, was a growing Gallic threat after an indifferent start. Always ready to take on defend-ers on Newcastle's left, he ended the first half as impressively as Asprilla had begun it on the opposite flank.

Butt ended it somewhat for-tunate still to be on the field, having become caught up in a scuffle with Barton following

bert after Phil Neville had turned the defence on the left.

Manchester United achieved more in the opening three minutes of the second half than they had done in the previous 45. Barton rescued Newcastle after Cole had cut then Cole was unable to get in a proper shot after Cantona's cross from the right had ex-

Nevertheless, a goal for Fer-guson's team was not far away. It came after 51 minutes when Cole saw off several challenges before work ing the ball out to Phil time and space to drive the

ball past Srnicek.

## Rowell takes step back to go forwards



Richard Williams

O WHAT did it prove, exactly, that game at Murrayfield on Satur-day? That Jack Rowell was right all along? Or that he should never have considered dropping Dean Richards?
That Will Carling remains the best captain of England within living memory? Or that the Scottish revival was

never more than a chimers? That professionalism will def initely ruin rugby union? Or that it has changed nothing? It was, in any aesthetic

sense, a rotten game. After 25 minutes, with the score at 9-3 to England, I looked at my watch and realised that nothing remotely worth remem-bering had happened yet. When was the game going to start? In those terms it never

But there is more than one way to look at the afternoon, and if there is a consolation to be taken from such a spiritually barren affair it is that professionalism really has changed nothing, once the whistle blows and the game is

What, after all, does "profes-sionalism" mean in this concustomed to using it to convey two quite opposed ideas. Yet whether we take it as a syn-onym for a dour, win-at-allcosts pragmatism or as a shorthand term for the paramount obligation to entertain the paying customers, this game was unaffected by anything outside the immediate needs of the two teams. In that sense it was truly an amateur

E HAVE seen this in the Five ship. Even in the Seventies tions that made Saturday's match look like the Borgone, so far as I recall, was call-ing for anybody's head. It was hope of something more

No. the deeper significance of Saturday afternoon was the way it raised the question of

Rowell saw Richards for floundering by the speed and athleticism of the All Blacks in a traumatic World Cup semi-final, and he made the decision to rebuild the team without the Leicester man in the decision to the 1000 tourner. the drive to the 1986 pourna. ment. The manager clearly felt that England had to bend all their efforts towards are need to match the qualities of the southern hemisphare teams if they were to coope or

two steps further next time.
Come the Five Matterns, though, and what happens? A scrappy defeat in Paris, a neryous win over the Welsh, 2 Scottish revival filling the back pages, and the old acces-

sities reassert themselves. Richards was colessol on Saturday, his presence recalling the classic description of the man once given by the France forward Laurent Cabannes to the journalist Ian Borthwick "There he was. half his teeth massing, cheekbones smashed, hair all over the place, his skin looking as if it had not seen the sun for six months. He looked as if he had just come out of a bunker. But what a player.

N SATURDAY he did exactly the job Rowell had assigned him, restoring tu-thority to the line-out and a sense of physical throat to the back row. He slowed the game to his personal tempor mining the Scots' attempts to express themselves, It cost them the Grand Slam, and some of them were bitter about it after-wards; but their complete inbility to cope with Richards meant that they did not doserve the prine They had the same number of players as England, and home advantage. They had only themselves to blame.

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All praise to England, then The beleaguered Rowell, the brilliantivastute Carting, the revived Richards and the rest of the team achieved the only target available to them; by the only sensible means. But Rowell will know that in so doing he has put his own. or two, perhaps confusing his players (not to mention the time England play a southern hemisphere team, will Richards be there" On a 15 thus really just a orange?"

If Rowell wants to restore

his relationship with the media, he might start by com-ing clean on that question, by admitting that just for the day his much vaunted but apparently misunder-tood rebuilding operation was put on hold in order to sort out a is, what he saw on Saturday is giving him second thoughts.

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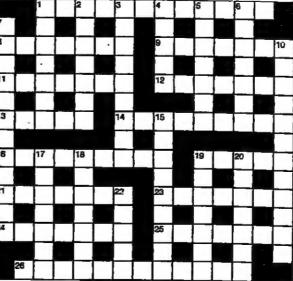


The English rowers, tall, slight, gangly, have the earnest faces still of schoolboys who try hard. The Americans seem ali naturai power and confidence. Perhaps it is easier to see them as golden,

laid-back stars than as an unpleasant reminder of where the future

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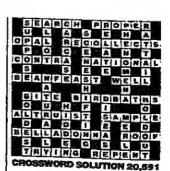
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- 3 Cover in ground at rugby training break (9) 4 Eye the spirit measure (5)
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